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the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are aged 65 and over has increased by 1.5 million (1990–1999) and is projected to increase by a further 1.5 million by 2020 (Office for National Statistics 2000). The number of people aged 65 and over is projected to increase by 2.5 million by 2020 in the USA (U.S. Census Bureau 2000).

There is a growing awareness of the need to develop strategies to meet the needs of the ageing population. The World Health Organization (WHO) has developed a 'Global Strategy on Ageing and Health' (WHO 1999) which aims to ensure that older people are able to live in safety, health and dignity. The strategy is based on the principle that older people should be able to live in their own homes and communities, and that they should be able to participate in social and economic life. The strategy also aims to ensure that older people have access to the services and resources they need to live well.

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Putting on the finishing touch before the Homecoming convocation, senior Angie Matson ties her unique shoes. Matson decided to wear lace tennies with pearls on Homecoming Court because she did not have time to buy heels.

imply the best...
What more is
there to say?
Whether in ath-
letics or academics,
we excelled, proving that *bigger* isn't
always better.

The Number One ranked *Panthers* had
at least eight two-way players due to its
small size but still conquered *gigantic*
opponents, such as Lake Central, to reign
as Lake Suburban Conference Champs.

Likewise, teachers could spend more time
with students individually and get to know
them *better*. For example, a student's
choir teacher could also be his Honor
Society sponsor, Super Bowl coach and
play director.

Everyone knew everyone at GHS. You
never felt like a stranger. Some of us had
been going to school *together* for 13 years.

School spirit ran higher. On Black and



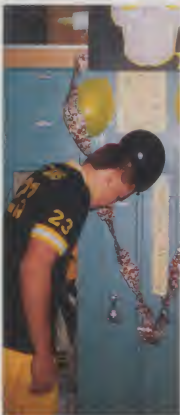
Well, helping the Pantherettes raise with a fundraiser, sophomore Shellie Hoover takes a break from the soapy car mess. Pantherettes raised over \$300 for poms, uniforms and other expenses.

Also, one of the many Panther wins, Captain Scott Sherry and senior Kyle Toweson lead the team in the victory run. The Panthers were ranked Number One throughout the regular season. The team finished Coach Les Thornton's last year with a 10-1 record.



To help the seniors win spirit week, seniors Mike Augenstein and Alan Sutkowski paint their faces in Sarah Krooswyk's room. The seniors won four spirit days this year.

Scott Mauch's locker is decorated for Homecoming by his locker buddies Sarah Krooswyk and Shellie Hoover. They chose Scott because he's "God's gift to women."

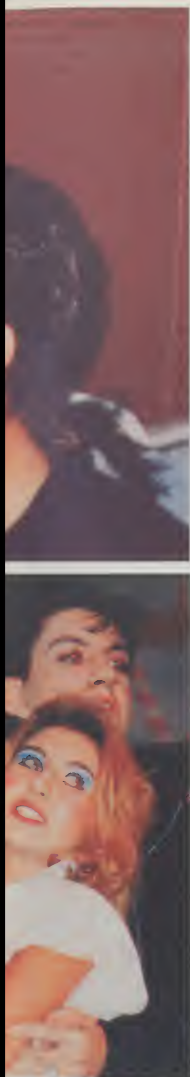


Down in set position, the Panthers prepare to explode against the opposition. The football team captured

Sectionals and the Lake Suburban Conference title. The Panthers were ranked Number One.

Enjoying the morning of his last Homecoming, Head Coach Les Thornton sits on the newly decorated school grounds. Thornton retired after 18 years as head coach.

Seniors Kelley Gall and junior Dan Bartnicki sing and dance the night away in the park during Grease. The fall musical drew over 1200 people this year.



old Day, over 90 percent of the students and teachers participated. They donned togas and dressed as the opposite sex in hopes of *winning* spirit week competition. Work was in vain as the *Class of '93* conquered all.

The buzz in the halls could be felt daily with the *Homecoming* pep rally, opening night of Grease, game day predictions, and what people were wearing to Prom. The *energy* spread into the community as well. Student Council painted windows all over town to support our football team. Local businesses donated food, napkins and plates for everything from the Chili Supper to the Lock-In to *helping* choir host ISSMA and the Lap-a-Thon. Clubs and organizations planned trips to Florida, Turnabout, and Senior Banquet.

Students belonged to many things, making them well-rounded and ready for the world.

SIMPLY PUT, like good perfume, *less is more* and GHS had it all ●

Simply IRRESISTABLE

For

many students, life didn't begin until 2:55 p.m. Once out of the classroom, they were free to relax.

For some, this meant spending endless hours of practice after school and on Saturdays for sports, drama, and academic teams... not to mention the countless number of fundraisers that went through the school to support different organizations. From M&Ms to cheese and sausage to sweet-

o-grams, someone always seemed to be selling something.

The excitement of getting ready for Homecoming, Turnabout and Prom was also shared by many. Field trips, summer camps, and vacations were a few other ways that GHS students enriched their lives.

Still others may have spent their time working to make some extra cash. And, most everyone enjoyed getting together with a few friends and hanging out. Just going to McDonald's after a game; everyone seemed to be there.

GHS students put hard work into their activities, but more importantly, they enjoyed what they did, and they did it well. Every student excelled in what he liked, creating a simply irresistible year at GHS ●



Practice Makes PERFECT

Long hours, lots of stress, and lots of practice. Why do so many GHS students attend camps every summer?

Pantherette officers Mindy Davis, Angie Matson, LoraLee Kilgore and Jackie Acosta definitely think their hard work paid off for the honors they received at a four-day dance clinic at Purdue. The squad received several awards, including the Five Star Plaque for their dedication, teamwork, leadership, communication and spirit.

Junior cross-country co-captain Jaime Benson spent a week of long distance running at the University of Wisconsin. She competed in daily races and trained with runners from state championship schools.

Benson said, "Ten miles

a day wore me out so much that I spent most of my free time sleeping."

Free time was spent a little differently at Franklin College's football camp with seniors Scott Sherry and Kyle Toweson.

Toweson said, "I got together with some friends from Crown Point and pulled pranks. We climbed through people's windows and locked them out of their rooms."

But this camp wasn't all fun and games.

Toweson explained, "Because we were playing and practicing among state championship players for our second year at this camp, we knew what was expected of us, and we were able to pick up the finer points of football."

At the Smith-Walbridge

Drum Major Clinic at the University of Illinois, co-drums majors Amy Zvyak and Dana Navarro were in for a week of conducting, learning band commands and executing marching band techniques.

Zvyak said, "We were on our feet from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day, getting breaks only for lunch and dinner."

Despite long practices, students who attend summer camps played a lot, learned a lot and proved to be some of the best.

-Dana Navarro



“Running ten miles a day wore me out so much that I spent most of my free time sleeping.”

--Jaime Benson, junior--



After a hard day of practice, senior Shelli Linders gets some much needed rest at NCA Superstar Camp, Purdue University. The Pantherettes' hard work paid off as they came home with several trophies.

After an aerosol cheese fight, senior Melissa Busovsky shows off her cheese mask at cheerleading camp. The cheerleaders attended camp at Ball State.



Senior Angie Matson performs for the staff at NCA camp. Matson was one of three invited to perform in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade.





In preparation for the 4th of July parade, sophomore Matt Wilson warms up. Wilson attended band camp during the summer to enrich his playing skills.

To improve their basketball skills, members of the girls basketball team spent a week at the Doug Bruno Basketball Clinic at DePaul University.

Dressed for costume day, junior Janille Scheringa discusses her post-Activities Night plans. Many students TP the football players' houses.

Senior guys toss Paul Mitchell in a stunt usually performed by the cheerleaders. A boys' cheerleading competition was added to the Powderpuff game to keep the guys from coaching.



Maintaining his balance, senior Brad Zabek stands atop a pyramid of senior guys. The seniors won Activities Night as well as 10 bonus points for the boys' cheering competition.

Showing their school spirit, student council sponsor Mr. Bill Birk and secretary LoraLee Kilgore donned Panther paws for face-paint day. Other spirit days included: costume, toga, opposite sex, dress-up, and black and gold days.



Just for FUN



The competitions of Spirit Week provided a chance for each class to show its pride. Monday was Face Paint Day. Tuesday was a Mixed-Up Day as many girls came dressed in football jerseys or ties and many guys wore dresses.

Junior Amy Zvyak said, "Opposite Sex Day was hilarious because a lot of guys dressed up as ugly women with too much make-up."

Wednesday was the traditional dress-up day. Costume/Toga Day was the theme for Thursday as many people dressed as babies, hippies, and cats. Friday was Black and Gold Day which had the best percentage of participation. Squeezing past the juniors, the seniors accu-

mulated the most points for these activities.

Sophomore Shellie Hoover said, "I wish some people would let the competitions be fair because they're supposed to be fun, and the fun is gone when people get too serious about winning."

On Thursday night, students gathered at the football field to participate in Activities Night. Determined to win the powder puff football game, the senior girls held practices to learn their plays. The senior guys won the cheer contest as they rooted the girls on to a victory over the juniors. The seniors eventually won most of the events of the evening.

Homecoming King Nate Miklusak said, "The best

part was putting my face in a pudding pie to find a piece of gum for one of the court's special activities."

Some of the final factors in the Spirit Week contests were projects put together by each class with brand names as the theme. Each class constructed a float, a banner, and decorated a car for the Homecoming Parade. The seniors chose Energizer "We keep winning and winning..." The juniors chose Nike "Just Do It." And the sophomores chose Jensen speakers "Blow them away." Each class had a major win with the seniors winning the banner contest,

“Opposite Sex Day was hilarious because a lot of guys dressed up as ugly women with too much make-up.”

--Amy Zvyak, junior--

the juniors winning the float contest, and the sophomores winning the car contest.

-Dana Navarro

As a part of a court activity, seniors Ryan Hoover and Lindsey Friend wrap each other in toilet paper. The court also sat on balloons and raced to eat a pie, find a gumball and blow a bubble.





Baking In THE CASH

There are just certain things that must be done. Taxes must be paid, and the garbage has to be taken out. Perhaps the worst of them all, however, is the fact that joining an organization at school means having to raise money.

“It’s so embarrassing. People just slam the door in my face as soon as I say cheese and sausage.”

--Nicole Rasille, sophomore--

Cheerleaders Holly Huddleston and Lisa Smith prepare salads for the 230 people at the Spaghetti Dinner.

Sophomore Nicole Rasille, percussion player in the band, voiced her an-

noyance toward the cheese-and-sausage sale.

“It’s so embarrassing. People just slam the door in my face as soon as I say cheese-and-sausage,” she said.

Of course, the band isn’t the only organization with money problems.

The Pantherettes probably did most of the fundraising. Members participated in a car wash, candy sale and kick-a-thon as well as other activities to

raise money.

Out of all the fundraisers, the football lift-a-thon seemed to be the most successful. In the lift-a-thon, players found sponsors, who paid for each pound lifted on the bench press.

“It definitely rewards football players because we get 35 percent of the money we raise back to purchase goods related to the football team,” said senior split-end Kyle Toweson.

-Jeff Carroll





Trying to improve her tan as well as raise money, senior Mindy Davis rinses off a car at the Pantherette car wash. The Pantherettes washed about 150 cars.



Junior Michelle Baran demonstrates the halftime dance. Junior Pantherette camp drew 250 girls and raised \$2500.



Seniors Kate Gulatta and Becky Duney prepare for the volleyball team's annual ride to the coach's house in Crown Point. The ride began as a fundraiser but now serves as part of the girls conditioning.



On Sweetest Day, many people received Blo-Pops attached to little messages. The 35 cent grams were sold by DECA members who raised \$1,000 from this project.

Senior Danielle Dudek leads the Cheerleading Day Campers. The cheerleaders spend a week in the summer with the little girls.





Parading down Broad Street, juniors Todd Queen and Robert Clark display their class float. The juniors won the float competition, followed by the seniors and sophomore classes.

Homecoming Brings STPESS



“I was running late, had to change and put on my mums. The pins broke.”

--Loralee Kilgore, senior--

Stress. Irritable students. Anxious king and queen candidates.

“Homecoming is the busiest school week for the many people involved with it,” said Mrs. Cynthia Spejewski, choir.

Homecoming candidate Shelli Linders said, “It’s really hard for the king and queen candidates to find the perfect suit or dress for Homecoming night because

we find out if we are on court only a week before.”

The student council was very busy as well.

Student Council vice-president Jenna Lehmann said, “Everyone in student council worked really hard to make this year’s Homecoming another success. A lot of planning was put into the organization of activities by each committee. We had meetings at 7:15 a.m.”

Frustrated Pantherettes had to perfect half-time and pep rally routine before they quit for the evening.

Senior Sarah Krooswyk was in such a hurry that she

spilled her hot dinner on herself before walking out the door.

The mighty Panther football team proved that they had put in a lot of hard practice that week. They beat Calumet by a score of 42-0 for a big victory.

Junior Natalie Pastarsaid, “Keeping busy all week with student council, class council, booster club, and Pantherettes, I was hardly ever at home. But getting everyone involved is what makes the week so exciting. It was fun, but I am glad it finally came to an end.”

-Dana Navarro



During the game junior Shannon Bopp gets her mum pinned on her sweater by Mrs. Sandy Dudek, her sponsor. Students ordered their mum for \$6.

Taping streamers and balloons, senior Loral Lee Kilgore decorates Adam Eissen's locker. She spent over \$100 filling his locker with toys and candy.



Football players applaud as Coach Les Thorton gives a few words about his last Homecoming game.

The 1992 Homecoming Court was Scott Sherry, Queen Anita Garnett, Angie Matson, Mindy Davis, King Nate Mikulas, Ron Govert, Lindsey Friend, Paul Mitchell, Ryan Hoover, and Shelli Linders.



Wishing that he could see Sandy, his summer fling, Danny Zuko (Dan Bartnicki) sings to the T-Birds about those "Summer Nights."



The T-Birds and Pink Ladies dance to the rock-and-roll beat of 1959. A professional choreographer worked with the students to teach them some steps.

Giving his traditional "Hip, hip, hooray!" Mr. Gerry Spejewski, director, gets the cast psyched up for the last performance of *Grease*. Mr. Spejewski had been directing shows at GHS for 29 years.





During a sleepover, Kim Woodall (Frenchy) and (Kelley Gall) Rizzo dream about dating a Marine

Rizzo (Kelley Gall) pressures Sandy (Lindsey Friend) to drink with the Pink Ladies. Both seniors have been active in drama since their freshman years.

ROCK AND ROLL

Standing behind the curtain as the lights blink on and off, several things go running through an actor's head. Mainly, they are trying to avoid the mistakes they made last night. For the cast of *Grease*, this was exactly the feeling.

Grease was the first large musical that director Gerry Spejewski and musical coordinator Cynthia Spejewski had tackled in a couple of years.

"We thought we had the talent to do a bigger show this year, and we wanted to get more people involved," said Mrs.

Spejewski.

So many people tried out this year that two cuts were made. By call backs, the pressure was building.

LoraLee Kilgore, senior, said, "I was really nervous when the announcements came on. Then, when they made call backs, everyone was really tense. We all wanted parts really bad."

With the cast selected, rehearsals began. The cast practiced for two months, learning lines and dances.

Over 1,700 people attended the fall musical, and the drama department made over \$2,000.

Senior Mitch Ensign said his favorite part of the play was the "Greased Lightning" scene.

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Dominguez really made the part. He made that song!"

For some, the best part of the play was all the attention received.

"I didn't really know what to expect, but I had a lot of fun. Plus, I really liked all the attention.



“ People were giving me compliments even a month after the show!

--Kara Seigle, sophomore--

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People were giving me compliments even a month after the show!" said sophomore Kara Seigle.

-Mike Ramsey

The Panther football team continued to draw so many fans that there was standing room only at many games.

Sophomores Nick Grudzien and Sean Caliber cheer on the Panthers. JV players were required to attend varsity games.



Showing no interest in the Calumet team, some GHS students read the newspaper as the starting line-up is announced.

For every football and basketball game, the halls were decorated with good luck signs. Sophomore Tina Wilcox stays after school to design a few of them.





The GHS Marching Band gave extra support to its president, varsity football player Jim Dwyer. The band performed

at all pregames and halftimes. Dwyer joined the group during basketball season as a member of the pep band.



Hip, Hip, Hooray



From the Regional game at Angola last year to the basketball Sectionals at Calumet in March, Panther fans showed support unmatched by most schools.

When the Panthers played 150 miles away in Angola in 1991, over 1,000 people showed up, and less than a week later, a standing room only crowd attended the town pep rally.

This year proved to be a record breaker, especially when over 4,000 people came to see the Panthers

trounce Lake Central in football; and, during the Homecoming parade, hundreds lined the streets.

"(The Lake Central game) was awesome," said senior Kevin Daugherty.

Panthers enjoyed fan support throughout the football season.

Senior Todd Zabek said, "We had a lot of backing all season, especially during the Lake Central game."

Fan support didn't end with the football team's loss to Angola. Basketball

season led to some of the rowdiest fans when football players took the stands.

Seniors insulted opposing players, fans and referees while cheering for the basketball team.

Zabek said, "A couple of the refs liked coming

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A couple of the refs liked coming around to Griffith because of all of us. They liked it when we started to screw around.

--Todd Zabek, senior--

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--Dan Pastar

Insomnia is OUR FRIEND

Being at school on a Friday night was not where most students would have chosen to be. But when the Student Council decided to sponsor an all-night lock-in, about 100 students did just that.

After the Lake Central basketball game, students registered and were able to listen to the "Snowball Rockers," an anti-drug group, talk about drug and alcohol abuse. The evening also included class competitions, open gym, a dance, a volleyball tournament as well as a variety of movies. A few area restaurants also donated food.

Not a drop of rain dampened the spirits of seniors Lindsey Friend, Jenna Lehmann, Anita Garnett and sophomore Corey Konopasek as they danced along to the tune of "Singing in the Rain."

Finding something to do was easy with all the activities planned for the evening. All night the fieldhouse was open to anyone who wanted to play a game of basketball or volleyball.

One activity, the Medical War, required two teams to bombard "hospitals" with dodge balls.

Dan Bartnicki, junior, said, "The Medical War Tournament was the best."

Some people were easily satisfied by simply having time to do what they pleased.

Bartnicki said, "I really liked being able to sit back

and relax and watch a movie.

"Quite a few

people took advantage of the quiet rooms and fell asleep," said Bartnicki.

Others found fun at the dance, which was held in the upstairs gym.

"The dance was really cool because the DJ played good songs," said junior Jamie Benson.

In general, the lock-in

The Medical War tournament was the best.

--Dan Bartnicki, junior

was a success. Mr. Bill Birk, student council sponsor and lock-in organizer, said, "I really liked the super cooperation from the students."

--Dana Navarro
Amy Zvyak





Although no doctors were on call, the juniors played Medical War as one of the scheduled lock-in activities.

Skits were an important part of discussing drug and alcohol abuse. This skit demonstrated the vicious circle of drugs.



An unexpected lock-in treat was seeing student council sponsor Mr. Bill Birk dancing with the Snowball Rockers.

Senior Ruben Hernandez dances to the song "We Feel Good" performed by the Snowball Rockers.



After the dance, many couples went to nice restaurants. Sophomore Aaron Riese and his date went with friends to shoot pool after dinner.



The Turnabout Prince and Princess were Joey Anderson and Shellie Hoover. Court members included Kasey Biscan, Megan Caron, Sean Galiher, Jason Castell, Seth Krooswyk, Mandy Owczarzak, Shawn White and Aimee Willis.



Turnabout brought out the camera-happy side of everyone. Senior Kellie Adams and sophomore Trisha Jones battle parents to get a Kodak moment of their friends and the Turnabout Court for their scrapbooks.





Hold On TO THE NIGHT

“After we went out to eat, my friends and I played in the snow.”

--Joe Potesta, junior--

Turnabout, a night that brings out camera crazy parents and formally dressed couples.

Turnabout was held at St. George Greek Orthodox Hall on Feb. 20. "Hold On to the Night" by Rich-

ard Marx was the theme song. Emerald green, pearl white, and gold were chosen as the colors.

A lot of people found it fun to see their friends out of their everyday clothes.

"It was interesting to see what everyone was dressed like," said junior Sarah

Curtis.

Some people felt that the amount of fun they had depended on their dates and other couples they joined for dinner and the dance.

"My date got mad at me for dancing with someone else," said sophomore Mandy Owczarzak.

Unlike last year, the tradition of the guys taking off the girls' garters was resumed.

Getting pictures taken is considered a big part of Turnabout. But due to the photographer's tardiness, couples had to wait in a long line.

"I would change picture companies. They were an hour late and messed up a lot of people's orders," said Owczarzak.

Even though there was a new DJ this year, some people still weren't happy with the music.

"Most of the songs that were requested weren't played," said Curtis.

Bad weather scared some couples away from post-Turnabout plans, but other took advantage of the snow.

"After we went out to eat, my friends and I played in the snow," said junior Joe Potesta.

-Katie Green



Helping themselves to some hors d'oeuvres, sophomore Lisa Covarrubias and her date satisfy their stomachs until dinner. Covarrubias made her dress in Mrs. Marge Kietheley's clothing class.

To make a perfect picture, the photographer helps seniors Ruben Hernandez and Sandy Bronson strike a pose. Bronson was forced to attend the dance with a cast on her leg because of a basketball injury.



As part of the tradition, sophomore Roxanne Luptak lets her date, sophomore Mike Anderson, remove her garter for him to keep as a memento of the evening.



Besides making ice cream cones, senior Lynette Carter prepares a kid's

meal at Griffith Dairy Queen. She averaged 16-25 hours per week at work, de-

pending on how many shifts she could take. DQ encouraged students to travel

up to Ridge Road by consistently placing advertisements in the school paper.

Bringin' Home THE BACON

Have you ever walked through the mall and thought to yourself, "I've got to have that?" But you know that your parents wouldn't give you the money even if you pulled the dog hair off of all the furniture with a pair of tweezers and did the dishes for a month.

You consider your alternatives and decide that the only way you will have extra cash is to get a job.

Angie Matson, senior, said, "I needed extra money

to help pay for my formal for Prom. So, I went to Dairy Queen and got a job."

Senior Michelle Higgins also worked at Dairy Queen.

She said, "I really enjoy my job. It gives me something to do instead of sitting around at home."

Some students got a job to finance college or to pay for car insurance.

Rob Weldon, senior, said, "I need money for car insurance, clothing, and bills."

A few parents encouraged their kids to get jobs.

On the other hand,

some parents didn't want their children to work.

Junior Lynn Katona said, "My parents feel that if I get a job that I will be missing out on activities in school that I won't be able to do

“My parents feel that if I get a job that I will be missing out on activities in school that I won't be able to do later in life.”

—Lynn Katona, junior—

later in life.

But no matter the reason for having a job, many students scraped grills, answered phones and swept floors to earn cash.

—Dana Navarro





Slinging Schoop burgers, senior John Novath scrapes up some extra dough. One of the most common reasons students got part-time jobs was for extra spending money.

Senior Jim Dwyer grinds keys for his paycheck at the Key Shop in Venture. Dwyer picked up his part-time job around Christmas and kept it to help him pay for college.



Facing product labels in Jewel, junior Garrett Russell earns some extra cash. Many students worked at Jewel since it was so conveniently located.

Tracy Reynolds, senior, adds condiments to a hamburger at Burger King. Part-time jobs were popular among students.

Spring CLEANING

As her number was called out, the Pantherette candidate began marching with a smile plastered to her face. As she concentrated on stepping on the yard lines with her right foot and swishing her poms, her smile faded a little. Once she noticed, she quickly "cheesed it up" again.

Every Spring, students put forth their best efforts to become part of a team or squad. Gradually, students are weeded out, and the remainder are chosen to replace the graduating se-

niors.

Before the Pantherette tryouts, junior Becca Mazzocco said, "Whenever I'm not doing anything, I feel that I need to be practicing or helping my sister or friends. If they don't make it, I'll feel guilty because I should've helped them more."

Some people got so concerned with tryouts, that everything else was put on the back burner.

Junior Shannon Bopp said, "As soon as practice was over, I'd go home and

practice more. The night before tryouts, I was up until 1 a. m. perfecting the routine."

All the practicing made life stressful.

Jo Nahod, junior, said, "I go straight from softball to Pantherette tryouts. Then I go home and have homework to do."

When the new soccer team was announced, all new players were initiated.



“As soon as practice was over, I'd go home and practice more.”

--Shannon Bopp, junior--

Sophomore Trevor Domazet said, "I can't wait until we give the freshmen and new players swirlies!"

- Angie Matson





Screams of relief echoed throughout the junior high parking lot as the first Pantherette cut was posted. Several hours of waiting kept the girls on edge.

Strength, balance and no fear of heights are characteristics necessary for the girls on the cheerleading squad. A shoulder stand and toetouch were tryout requirements.

Wanted: Boys for track, no experience necessary. Junior Chad Sutton simply joined the track team without having to tryout. Sutton set the school record for the high jump in 1992.



Creating a dance routine, seniors LoraLee Kilgore and Mindy Davis use various movements to challenge the hopeful Pantherette candidates. Only 20 girls were lucky enough to be chosen.

Mrs. Denise Newton, journalism, stayed in a wigwam in Mammoth Cave, KY, over Spring Break. The \$12.95 per night charge was all she and her husband could afford on the last days of their vacation.



Senior Adam Eisensee mows the lawn in front of the junior high school. Many students weren't able to get away for vacation and spent the week watching television or doing chores.



A Taste of SPRING

Ten minutes remained in the last hour class before Spring Break. All the students talked among themselves excitedly about their plans for the week.

One minute left.. everyone gathered their books. Thirty seconds...students headed for the door. With 10 seconds left electricity flowed throughout the classroom. As the countdown began, students' eyes were glued to the clock. Ten, nine, eight, seven, six, five, four, three, two... the teacher tried to gain control but couldn't... ONE.

For sophomore Lisa Trzupek, that bell didn't mean too much.

"The weather wasn't so nice, so I slept a lot over the

break. I almost wanted to come back to school because I was so bored," she said.

Spring Break weather wasn't the best, but a few students took advantage of what little they had. Camping seemed to be a popular activity.

"I spent part of my break sleeping in the car. A bunch of us guys went camping, and Tony McCabe (senior) was snoring way too loud. So I got up and tried to sleep in the bathroom," said senior Jason Reid. Reid later opted for the car when McCabe's snoring penetrated the walls.



"I almost wanted to come back to school because I was so bored."

--Lisa Trzupek, sophomore--

Some students hit the Florida beaches for Spring Break like junior Gavin Reyome.

"I went to Florida and the Bahamas with the choir. I really enjoyed the trip," said Reyome. "We competed in a choir contest in Florida, but we took advantage of the beaches afterward."

--Mike Ramsey



Sophomore Jeff Carroll buzzes senior Tony McCabe during a game of Taboo. The newspaper staff stayed overnight in Indianapolis on the first Friday of Spring Break and competed in a writing contest on Saturday.

Sophomores Mike Anderson, Andy Budack and Josh Nesius catch their breath during track practice. Many students involved in spring sports weren't able to get away for long trips because of practice schedules and games.

All in the THE FAMILY

The family is where it all began. We got our basic morals, our first set of rules, and, of course, our first punishments.

There were many people with family members in the school system, including brothers, sisters, sons, and daughters.

Even one teacher added to her family during the school year.

"I'm happy about the new baby, but it can be overwhelming at times," said Mrs. Kay Orzechowicz, English. "It keeps me busy, but I feel that it doesn't effect my work very much."

She explained that having a family didn't effect her work but admitted that her job took time away from her family.

Many families, especially large ones, had trouble getting together for dinner nevertheless a family vacation.

"It's hard for us to get out on trips since there are so many of us. With two brothers, a sister, and three step-brothers, it can be a pain packing everyone in and finding space for luggage," said senior Adam Eisensee.

Orzechowicz agreed.

"It's hard to get out being so busy, but we'll still manage to take a skiing trip in Colorado and possibly Disney World when the kids are old enough," she said.

Sometimes students had to sit through their own parents' classes if they happen to teach in the same school. That often posed

problems in and possibly out of the classroom.

"Some students feel they might have an unfair advantage," stated Mr. Bill Birk,

social studies. "I think all in all I'm pretty unbiased and answer my daughter's questions as I would any other student."

Mr. Birk had one daughter, a sophomore, attending GHS during 1992-93. She was the second Birk daughter to attend the same school in which her father taught.

Being able to live with

“Sometimes I'll get along with one of them, and the other five will annoy me, but then it will switch. I can't win!”

--senior Adam Eisensee--



brothers and sisters was one thing, going to school with them was another.

"Once in a while, it will be okay," said Eisensee "but most of the time, we don't get along at all. Sometimes I'll get along with one of them and the other five will annoy me, but then it will switch. I can't win!"

-Nate Miklusak



English teacher, Mrs. Kay Orzechowicz shows off her new son, Brian, while her daughter Molly enjoys her cigar. Mrs. Orzechowicz took off the third nine weeks to spend quality time with the family.





Junior Chad Sutton talks to his dad, about the race he is going to run in at the track meet. Sutton was a three sport athlete at GHS, playing football and basketball and running track. His father had been at nearly every one of his games.

Posing for a picture with their uncle, junior Keela Gootee and her brother, a freshman Ryan, prepare to leave St. Martin Island in the Caribbean. The Gootees try to take a family vacation a year, whether it is on spring break or in the summer, to get away from all of the hustle and bustle.

In front of NASA's John F. Kennedy Space Center, Michele Lubrant and mother stop for a quick picture. Lubrant was down in Florida visiting her brother and future college possibility, the University of Central Florida, but she still found time to take a trip to many other of the tourist attractions.

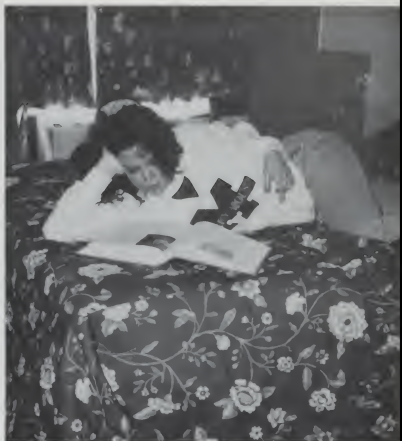
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On a freezing night, senior Lindsey Friend baked and decorated cookies. Some people enjoyed baking in their free time.

When there was nowhere to go, friends would hang out at someone's house. Juniors Becca Mazzocco and Robert Clark joke around while watching a movie.



While in Indianapolis for the weekend, senior Danielle Dudek kept up with her studies. A lot of students would put off their homework until Sunday night.

During a warm Saturday afternoon, senior Jerry Farrar washed his car. The warm weather and promise of a sun brought people outside.



T. G. I. F. WEEKEND BEGINS

During the week, the HS halls were filled with people trying to make their weekend plans. Then at the 55 bell on Friday, the weekend began.

But, not everyone made plans; some people just left their houses and wandered the roads.

"I drive around with my friends until we think of something crazy to do, and then we do it," said junior Michelle Baran.

Some of the people that were involved in relationships tried to budget their time around their boyfriends or girlfriends and

their friends during the weekend.

"On Fridays, I usually go out with my friends, but I spend Saturday and Sunday with my boyfriend," said junior Jamie Benson.

Since money was a necessity of life, some people had to work during the weekend instead of going out.

"I have to work at Burger King on the weekends because I have school during the week," said junior Brian Greovich.

Sundays were usually a recovery day from the weekend, especially since

there was school the next day.

"Sometimes Sundays can be boring because some places close earlier and I have to be home earlier," said Baran.

Even though the official

curfew for weekends was 11 p.m., most parents set their own curfews.

"I can come home whenever I want because my parents trust me," said junior Robert Clark.

Not everyone's parents



"I drive around with my friends until we think of something crazy to do, and then we do it."

--Michelle Baran, junior--

were as lenient; some people had to be in earlier.

"My parents are strict, I have to be in by 8:30 p.m. on weekends," said sophomore Tom Hall.

-Katie Green



A sunny day brought juniors Neil Irvin and Brian Hopper to the courts. The courts were a main attraction for the basketball players in the area.

Starter hats and jackets were among the biggest fads of the year. To avoid a tardy, sophomore Rob Carlson hurries to class without stopping at his locker to drop off his jacket.

Many students found time to chat with their friends in the halls when they had the opportunity to get out of class. Dressed comfortably, with a hat to top it off, junior Jenny Gajewski meets junior Keela Gootee in the hall.



Wearing their hats and coats, the football team waits for the coaches to get materials organized. Many students wore hats and jackets displaying the logo of their favorite college or professional teams.

Using his "thinking cap," senior Mitch Ensign and his partner, senior Tony McCabe, create trivia questions for the newspaper. Ensign and McCabe took over a computer in the J-Room and named it Mort.





Instead of the usual baseball cap, Dan Aquilar, sophomore, wears a knit Chicago Bears hat.

Sophomore Jeff Messmer and junior Gavin Reyome observe the no hat sign in Mr. Darryl Carstensen's room.



Taking off the THINKING CAP

Violence stirred as a student wearing a starter jacket and hat, which was tilted to the side, walked down the hall. Nobody knew for sure, but he might even have had a knife or gun hidden under that jacket.

Teachers and administrators decided that if a policy restricting hats and coats was put into effect, some of the gang activity in Griffith would be kept out of the school. Many also felt that wearing hats and coats in the classrooms was simply disrespectful.

Mr. Eric Schilling, math, said, "The new policy was definitely needed. It's just a sign of common cour-

tesy for a person to remove their hat inside any building."

Mr. Darryl Carstensen, math, had a sign posted in his classroom expressing his opinion of the policy.

His sign read, "Hats. We don't need no stinking hats!"

But many students said that the new policy was unfair. Students also felt that the new policy wouldn't solve any of the gang problems.

"We should be able to wear our hats and coats in school. Why not? The gang problem will probably still be around," said senior Nate Miklusak.

Brian Hopper, junior,

said that gangs would exist with or without hats in the high school.

"I really don't think that taking away hats and jackets did anything

to stop the gang problem or help anything. The only reason students shouldn't wear a hat is because it offends the teachers," he explained.

Tom Nelson, sophomore, insisted that hats and coats didn't disrupt the school day.

He said, "It's really un-

“It's unfair because there was never any problem with hats and jackets before.”

--Tom Nelson, sophomore--



fair because there was never any problem with hats and jackets before."

The policy spurred bitter comments among some students, but as long as they abided by it and the teachers enforced it, there was no real problem.

-Dana Navarro and Mike Ramsey

That Was Then THIS IS NOW

Those were the days. As young children, paste was appetizing, and boys and girls shared the same bathroom.

As everyone entered junior high, the new priorities were blue eye shadow and a romance that consisted only of telephone conversations.

Then came high school. A few guys started wearing clothes that matched and the girls figured out how to do their hair.

Senior Kellie Adams said, "At our 9th grade choir concert, all the girls wore way too much blue eye shadow and red lipstick."

Finally, after 13 years of education, almost everyone was ready to move on.

Senior Kevin Daugherty said, "I can't wait to get on with my life and accomplish my goals."

As the school year came to an end, everyone, including underclassmen, longed for senior graduation. Senior Alan Sutkowski said to complaining underclassmen, "I served my time. I went to school for 13 years, and so should you."

When graduation finally approached many seniors realized how much they would miss high school.

Senior Jim Dwyer said,

"I'll miss seeing all the same people everyday in the halls."

For some, the most outstanding memories came from graduation night.

Senior Mike Augustine got the scare of his life when he saw his name crossed off the list by mistake.

"I know they're not going to call my name," he kept saying in line.

Whether they went to col-



“ I served my time. and so should you ”

--Alan Sutkowski, senior--

lege or found a job, the graduates found new friends and adventures and will always hold on to the memories of the old.

-Dana Navarro



Due to bad weather, the ceremony was moved inside. Senior Matt Butner anxiously waits to graduate as he looks at all the accomplishments of former GHS students

The graduation program contained everyone's middle names so senior Craig Young decided to ridicule his classmates. Paul Mitchell was a target because Mitchell's middle name was Winfield.





For the last time, senior Loraine Barenie takes her position as first chair flutist to play "Highlights from Les Miserables." Band seniors got to pick the music for the evening's ceremony.

The walk to the fieldhouse was long and very crowded, but senior Tony McCabe finally received his diploma from Mr. Jim Pickett who allowed his former students to call him "Jim" upon graduation.



Rushing to arrive at the ceremony, senior Chris Loudember didn't have time to tie his tie. Graduates had about a half hour to hug, talk and primp before the ceremony actually began.

After finding out that she was named Prom Queen, junior Bethany Minnix hides her face in excitement. Ricky Lane, junior, was voted Prom King.



After joking and saying no to a picture, senior Jenna Lehmann convinces her Prom date, Jake Quigg, to go pose.

Since senior Jackie Acosta was killed, she's unable to talk to senior Joe Gonzalez and junior Gavin Reyme.



During dinner, seniors Jerry Farrar and Craig Young reenact a scene from "The Blues Brothers."

At the garter ceremony, sophomore Aaron Riese takes a more challenging way to get at senior Jen Hill's garter.



Looking WONDERFUL

On May 8, Saints Constantine and Helen Hall in Merrillville was transformed into an underwater

fantasy. Couples danced around brilliantly-colored fish, sea horses, and sea weed. The theme was "Under the Sea," and the song was "Wonderful Tonight" by Eric Clapton. Coral, aqua, and pearlescent were picked as the main colors.

On the Friday before Prom, certain students "died" from drinking and driving accidents. The 50

s t u d e n t s t h a t "died" weren't a l l o w e d to talk to any o n e . T h e

student council did this to remind students about drinking and driving consequences, especially on Prom night.

"I think that having students die was a good idea. But if the students that were dying would've known ahead of time, it might have been taken more seriously," said Mrs. Theresa Carstensen, math.

Prom weekend turned into an expensive event for some students. Tickets alone cost \$57.

"Prom wasn't up to my expectations. I thought that it would be more fun for all of the money that I had to pay," said junior Glenn Panozzo.

Other people explained

that it was worth the money.

"I didn't mind having to pay since I had so much fun that night and the next day," said junior Todd Queen.

Since Prom weekend was packed with activities, a lot of students turned into in-somniacs.

"I only got about an hour and a half of sleep during Prom weekend," said junior Michelle Jones.

Prom court consisted of Jamie Bell, Katie Ellison, Queen Bethany Minnix, Natalie Pastar, Jessica Redar, King Ricky Lane, Aaron Pollock, Joe Potesta, Brian Rodell and Chad Sutton.

-Katie Green

"I didn't mind having to pay since I had so much fun that night and the next day,"

--Todd Queen, junior--

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Seniors Adam Eisensee and Lindsey Friend get down during a fast song. 113 couples attended Prom this year, compared to the 118 couples in 1992.

Eating, which is what lunch is all about, finally comes after the hassle of standing in line for food. Sophomores Jay Gauthier, Scott Doctor and Jeremy Rykman enjoy a few burgers and fries.

Long lines made for a shorter lunch-time. Seniors Bryan Dominguez, Alan Sutkowski and junior Shannon Bopp wait in line at McDonald's.



Food For THOUGHT



McDonald's, Burger King, Taco Bell or even home were only a few of the places where GHS students had the option of patronizing during lunch due to the open lunch policy.

Some students thought that going out for lunch broke up the monotony of the school day.

"Going out to lunch gives me a chance to get out of school for awhile. When I come back, I'm not as sick of it," said junior Becca Mazzocco.

A dislike of the school's cafeteria food is why some students went out for lunch.

"I go out to lunch because the school has nasty food, and I don't want to get food poisoning from it," laughed sophomore Frank Starcevic.

But eating out everyday got fairly costly. Even McDonald's Value Meals and the Value Menu at Taco Bell took a toll on students' wallets.

"It's too expensive to keep eating out. I can just bring food from home and not have to pay for it," said junior Tasie Com-minos.

Not having a car caused students to stay in for lunch as well.

"I'd go out to lunch, but I don't have a car, so I can't," said junior Erin Voorheis.

Although a lot of students wished that there had been a longer lunch hour, most didn't have a problem getting back on time.

"My friends and I hurry up and get to the place that we're getting our food, then we hurry back," said Starcevic.

Going out for lunch also invited a different type of problem.

“Katie and I ended up pushing the car into the parking lot while everyone laughed at us.”
—Becca Mazzocco, junior—

"One time when Katie, Michelle and I went out to lunch, Michelle's car ran out of gas. Katie and I ended up pushing the car into the parking lot, while everyone laughed at us," said Mazzocco.

—Katie Green



Students hoped that their lockers were close to their third hour classes because speed was essential if they planned to go out for lunch. Junior Dave Benner grabs his jacket on his way out for lunch; he was racing against a 30-minute lunch clock.

A set of wheels enabled junior Katie Green to choose from a wider variety of fast-food restaurants. Many sophomores didn't have cars, so they were forced to either walk to someplace close or stay in the cafeteria.

Setting The TRENDS

Just like no two people looked exactly the same or had the same fingerprints, no two people had the exact same style. Everyone had a style of their own.

For some people, the type of music that they listened to had something to do with how they dressed. It could range from alternative, hard rock, or even country.

"The alternative music that I listen to somewhat influences how I dress. But I also dress for comfort," said junior Jenny Lis.

One year something may be out of style, but it might be in style the next year be-

cause of a famous person. Styles also went in and out because of what fashion magazines suggested.

"People used to make fun of me because I would wear flannels. But now that grunge is in style, because of Pearl Jam, everyone thinks that it's cool to wear them," said junior Chris Degard.

Sometimes, music had nothing to do with how people dressed. They would just dress to express themselves.

"Music doesn't have anything to do with how people dress. Everyone has their

own individual ideas on dressing," said junior Laura Cole.

Not everyone had a particular style of dress. Some people wake up in the morning and throw on whatever they

feel like wearing.

"I don't have a certain style, I just how I want to dress," said Katie Gulotta, who was named best dressed of the senior class.

To find a variety of clothes from combat boots

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--Chris Degard, junior--

to sandals, some people will go as far as Chicago to find clothes and accessories.

"I like to shop at The Alley. Since it's in Chicago, I can find more unique clothes," said Lis.

-Katie Green



Junior Brian Meeks finishes his work in the hall where it's more quiet. Flannel shirts became popular at GHS this year.



After finishing her candy, senior Gretchen Gasper sees if she's a winner. She's also wearing a shirt with the alternative group R.E.M. on it.



During lunch, senior Teresa Ewen and junior Tammy Hardacker look through a fashion magazine to get caught up on the latest styles.

While studying for a test, senior Paige Jacoby sits comfortably in the hall. A lot of students get sent into the hall when they're absent the day of a test.



Senior Cheryl Webb, who is wearing earth shoes, takes notes during class. She owns a variety of different shoes.

During a hot day, junior Grant Jenkins cools off by sitting on an air vent. The last days of school are usually the hottest.





Trying to improve his agility, senior Ruban Hernandez practices his plyometrics. The concept of plyometrics was introduced for the first time to the GHS basketball team this year under Coach Ron Divjak.



Working on his trapezius (shoulder) muscles, junior John Smith gets in a long after-school workout. Smith was a starter on this year's football team and plans on keeping his spot by working out over the summer.



Senior John Novath pushes'em up in strength and conditioning class while trying to keep one eye on the instructor, Mr. Ron Divjak. This was the first year that the class was offered as a part of the curriculum.

While working out at the local gym, Match Point, senior Todd Zabek reps out a couple sets of one-arm preacher curls to obtain the "Big Guns" so many desire. Match Point is a popular place for many students to workout and play tennis.

Busting their guts, junior Chris Eaton and classmates cringe to the thought of having to do any more. The class gave students, who didn't have the time or the money to go to a big gym, a chance to work out and get in better shape.



Lifting Weight, Not GAINING WEIGHT



It didn't matter if they pumped iron at the gym or walked around the block, fitness was an important part of many students' and teacher's lives.

In a world where so much depended on what people looked like, dieting and exercise were definitely keys to success.

In the case of Miss Betty Weber, French, she showed how fitness played an important role in her life by walking nearly every day.

"I try to walk every day with my partner," said Miss Weber. "We walk at least a mile and a half and try to swim when we can."

Walking was one of many ways to stay fit. Mr. Jim Pickett, social studies, along with many students pre-

ferred to keep in shape by lifting weights.

"I feel it's a good way to relieve stress," said Pickett. "It's also a good way to keep fit physically and mentally."

Senior Rex Lamb agreed. "Weightlifting helps me stay in shape, and it's a way for me to escape from everything and forget my problems," said Lamb.

As with all things, it was important to consider many factors before jumping into the activity. For example, good form was one of the most important aspects of weightlifting.

"You almost have to have good instruction and a general idea of what you're doing before you start to lift anything," ex-

plained Mr. Pickett. "Some people think it's a matter of

how much they do, but that way will only lead to injuries."

"You should

never start off heavy; it's best to take it easy then build," said Kristina Pikus, sophomore. "It also helps to have a good partner to push you and make sure you're doing things right."

Partners helped avoid injuries, but having a partner also added a friendly face to a difficult work-out.

"When I walk with my partner, the time seems to

"I think dieting or at least eating right and exercise should be a part of everyone's life to look and feel better."

--Kristina Pikus, sophomore--

go by so much faster," said Miss Weber, "especially on the cold nights when we really don't want to be outside."

Lamb's partner forced him to work harder.

"I feel a good partner is necessary," said Lamb. "They help me get more motivated and serious about working out."

-Nate Miklusak

It's All In The JEANS



In the late 60s and 70s, it was bell bottoms.

In the early 80s, it was tight jeans.

In the late 80s, it was wrapped jeans.

And, it seemed as though all the styles that were in style at one time or another were coming into style during 1992-93. People began to buy whatever jeans were most comfortable and whatever type they liked rather than conform to something specific.

Senior Rebecca Chandler emphasized that comfort was a key to buying jeans.

She said, "I don't think any brand of jeans is more popular than another. Most people buy jeans because of how comfortable they are or how they look."

Looking through maga-

zines, the styles shown were sometimes so wild that some students at GHS wouldn't be caught dead in them. Others liked it and went for the look.

"Bell bottoms are in style mostly in the magazines. The closest to that are the baggy straight legged pants or tight jeans on girls. I personally like loose legged jeans on guys," said junior Marilyn Bragg.

Some people, on the other hand, bought jeans because of the designer tag. Spending \$100 for one pair of jeans made no difference to them.

"I would buy a \$100 pair of GUESS jeans before I would buy an off-brand," said sophomore Kim Stanford.

Some teens allowed their parents to buy their jeans.

They told them what size and style to buy and left their parents to deal with the hassles of the mall.

"Mom just buys my jeans when she's out at the mall. I hate to shop so I just let her buy them," said senior Ron Govert.

Other students wouldn't have dared to allow their parents to buy any clothes for them.

"I buy all my own clothes. My mom and dad are a little behind the times and styles," said senior Scott Mauch. "They just give me the money."

-Matt Fech

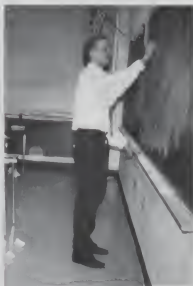
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--Scott Mauch, senior--

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Senior Bryan Dominguez and sophomore Marc Acosta roam the halls trying to avoid going back to class.



Sophomore Todd Thirion shows off a look the group Boyz II Men made popular, a dress shirt and tie with a pair of jeans.

Jeans and t-shirts were the most popular dress for guys in 1992-93. These two display their version of the style.





Matt McClure, junior, shows that wearing jeans wrapped is still in style.

Students go to their lockers between class. There was a wide variety of jeans.



Senior Ryan Hoover looks for an encyclopedia to do a report. Hoover shared ten pairs of jeans with his older brother Scott.

Juniors Charlie Halev and Angie Karlstedt take a break during class. More than half of the school wore jeans every day to school.

Put or SHUT UP!

The

dictionary defines a sport as a "game" or "pastime." But in reality, sports were the intense combination of competition, victory, practice, dedication, frustration, unity, satisfaction, defeat, concentration and action.

GHS teams shared stunning triumphs and bitter defeats. They felt the joy of reaching the top in the state, and they have experienced the pain of heartbreaking losses.

Working from the bottom to the top did not happen in a few weeks. This didn't happen in a few months. It took years of trial and error, years of practice, years of learning, experiencing and observing others.

Wherever we went, wherever we took the field of play, GHS demanded respect. Teams were not instantly respected by walking onto the playing field. First, they had to prove themselves, play hard and strive for perfection. They have to earn respect and, then, live up to that reputation.

They have to be prepared for challenge, accept defeat, never overlook the opponent, and always seek to improve.

We had pride in our GHS sports teams; they represented our school. When our team looked good, we all looked good.

Our teams greatly improved over just a few years. But they didn't stop there; they continued to push themselves to the limit, seeking a common goal and forcing each other to put up or shut up ●





Coach Don Whittemore watches intently as his team takes the floor. Mr. Whittemore, who also teaches science in the junior high, will be retiring this year as the girls head volleyball coach.

Senior Anita Garnett goes up high for the spike. Garnett was only one of the teams many offensive threats.



Powering her way through the defense, senior Becky Duney blasts a spike. Duney made honorable mention All-Conference and honorable mention All-Area.

Say What?

Over a 22 game span six to eight girls on the volleyball team had a combined total of over 1710 serves!



Girls Volleyball: Can You Dig It?

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| Andrean | L |
| Clark | L |
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| Whiting | L |
| Lake Station | L |
| River Forest | L |
| Griffith Inv. | 1st |
| Calumet | W |
| E.C. Central | W |
| Merrillville | W |
| Munster | L |
| West Side | W |
| Highland | W |
| Crown Point | L |
| Lake Central | L |
| Lowell | W |
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| Munster | L |



"The team had high hopes. We had a lot of role players, and they all played them well."

senior Jenna Lehmann

Sophomore Jen Rossner dives for a ball with teammate Becky Duney, senior. The Lady Panthers showed excellent defense this season.



Silence fills the gymnasium as the Lady Panthers get down and ready.

Theshrill whistlesounds, and the opposing server takes a deep breath as she begins her serve.

The ball speeds over the net like a bullet and heads for a small empty area on the floor.

All seems lost.

Suddenly, appearing out of nowhere, a Lady Panther dives and makes the save of her life.

This action-packed moment is what volleyball here at GHS is all about. It's about players trying as hard as they can to help their team. It's about putting forth their best efforts, surviving hard practices and demonstrating never-ending dedication to the sport. It's about doing everything they can to improve their Lady Panther team.

The 1992-1993 school year season brought some successes to the GHS volleyball team. One of the

best moments was when they captured the Griffith Invite Tournament victory.

Junior Lynn Katona said, "The season's highlight was when we won the Griffith Invite for the first time because no other Griffith team had ever won it. This was Coach Whittemore's last year, and winning the tournament made it special."

Sophomore Jennifer Rossner agreed that she valued this Invite victory.

"The best part of the season was when we won the Invite because it was the first time we won our own tournament," she explained.

The team also pulled together to beat last year's team record and conquer inter-team rivalries.

Katona said, "We definitely improved. We worked more as a team, and everyone got along better. Our record proved it."

Coach Don Whittemore agreed and pointed out that strong leadership on the floor helped the girl.

"Yes, we improved. Last year's record was 10-13, and this year's record was 14-9. We won the Griffith Invite, and we were 3-3 in Conference. We improved a lot as a team and as individuals. Jenna Lehmann and Kasey Biscan were good blockers and that is one of the reasons we improved so much," he said.

This was Whittemore's last year as the coach, and he appreciated ending his volleyball coaching career with a good season.

Whittemore said, "This was a nice year to go out on. It's nice to go out in a winning record. It would have been nice to go out with a win in Sectionals. I enjoyed the kids; they were all fun to be with."

by Sharon Rhyne



Front: Katie Ellison, Kim Woodall, Jen Kuck, Jaime Bell, Jen Rossner. Row 2: Anita Garnett, Jessica Redar, Jo Nahod,

Becky Duney. Back: Kasey Biscan, Katie Gulotta, Coach Don Whittemore, Jenna Lehmann, Leslie Biscan.

PUT IT ON THE LINE— GHS vs.

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| 27 Munster | 7 |
| 28 Crown Point | 7 |
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| 25 Lake Central | 7 |
| 63 Highland | 3 |
| 56 K. V. | 7 |
| Sectionals: | |
| 17 Bishop Noll | 0 |
| 42 K. V. | 6 |
| 40 Twin Lakes | 13 |
| 7 Angola | 12 |



"I feel that we had a great season considering our size and numbers. Plus, we passed up everyone's expectations by winning the conference and making it to Regionals."
senior Rex Lamb

'Les' Means More to Griffith Football

The crowd is on their feet midway through the fourth quarter. The Red Devils have the ball on the Panthers' one yard line. As the quarterback gets set and the line digs in, the ball is snapped and a swarm of Panther defenders pile on the carrier to make the defensive stand of the season.

"That game was a wake-up call for us," said Coach Les Thornton. "They played us tough, and we were well prepared. If it wasn't for our defense, I'm not sure how it would have turned out."

After that "wake-up call," the Panthers came up with key wins over class 5A powerhouses Crown Point,

28-7, and Lake Central, 25-7. The win over Lake Central put the team in the driver's seat for the Lake Suburban Conference Championship going against Highland in the final conference game which they won 63-3.

"It was a definite high point in the season," stated senior linebacker Brad Zabek. "The intensity that was felt on the field was unreal."

The truth is that the excitement was felt throughout the entire stadium that game as well as when the Panthers won their third straight Sectional title.

Even though the team had everything going its

way headed into the Regional game against Angola, the Panthers seemed to get where they were going.

"It was a fun but disappointing season," senior defensive back Kevin Daugherty said, "but even if I knew how it would end, I would still do it all over again."

So from all the students at GHS to all of the Number One ranked Panthers, assistant coaches, and coach Les Thornton, who completed his 18th and final year at GHS... thanks for the memories. You made it easy for all of us to have Panther Pride

-Nate Miklusk

Returning a punt, senior Paul Mitchell escapes a Kankakee Valley defender Mitchell was the Panthers leading punt returner with 12 returns, his longest being 40 yards.



Front: Becky Chandler, Jenny Ristic, Brad Zabek, Andy Schoon, Joe Gonzalez, Matt Allison, Trevor Domazet, Paul Schroeder, Tom Spudis, Tim Krasak, Lauren Darnell. 2nd Row: Nate Guy, Jeff McFarland, Mike Anderson, Adam Eisensee, Matt Scura, Courts Jetton.

Kevin Daugherty, Rex Lamb, Scott Mauch, Bonnie Loudner. 3rd Row: Alan Sutkowski, Ron Potchen, Doug Shaffer, Jerry Farrar, Scott Sherry, Jeremy Worosz, Todd Zabek, Chad Sutton, Asst. Coach Dick Reymore, Coach Les Thornton. 4th Row: Asst. Coach Jim Anderson,

Asst. Coach Bob Komara, Aaron Pollock, Paul Mitchell, Matt Stenger, Tom Hall, Ryan Hoover, Carl Rentschler, John Smith, Gavin Reymore, Asst. Coach Steve Wroblewski. Back Row: Asst. Coach Jim Kuechle, Nate Miklusk, Mike Cox, Jim Dwyer, Kyle Towson, Craig Young, Glenn Panozzo, John Novath, Jeff Messner.



Say What?

Before every game, the team and coaches each had a six inch sub. Over a 12 game streak, this amounted to more than 280 feet of sandwiches !



At a pep rally, assistant coaches Dick Reyome and Jim Anderson watch as Coach Les Thornton delivers a speech.

As the line digs in against a tough Bishop Noll defense, quarterback Scott Sherry barks out the signals.



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| Merrillville | L |
| Lowell | L |
| Crown Point | L |
| E.C. Central | W |
| Calumet/ | W |
| Munster | L |
| Hobart | L |
| North Newton | W |
| Lowell Invite | 5th |
| K. V. | L |
| Highland | L |
| L. S. C. | 6th |
| Calumet/ | W |
| Lake Central | L |
| Ham'nd High | L |
| Griffith Invite | 4th |
| Gavit | W |
| Sectionals | 5th |



"There weren't a lot of team goals because of our small numbers, but with everyone's individual goals, it seemed to lift the team a great deal."

sophomore Aimee Willis

Girls Swimming: Splashing all the way to the finish line.

The swimmers take their places on the platforms one by one as the judge bellows out, "Swimmers take your mark."

The temporary silence is broken by the crack of the starting gun and the splash as the swimmers enter the water. The race has begun.

With only eight girls out for the team and two out due to injuries during the season, the swimmers had nothing less than a tough season.

"Although we had only a 6-10 record this year, I feel the girls have nothing to be ashamed of," stated Coach George Scott. "With only six swimmers and two divers, it was a simple lack of numbers. Yet, I have no reservations about their

performance this year."

"It was tough to keep our spirits up with the small numbers we had," sophomore Aimee Willis said, "but we all got behind each other to help push the team along."

Coach Scott also mentioned that the team will be losing only one senior, Rebecca Schoon, next year. "Next year's team will be loaded with seniors," explained Coach Scott.

Juniors Amy Boswinkle and Jamie Govert should come back from their injuries by next year, and they will also be seniors. Junior Angela Gillespie is also expected to step up and help the team next year.

"I can't wait for next year because I want to surprise

everybody," said Govert.

"I plan to work very hard in the off-season to try to get back whatever I lost."

Coach Scott said that the team needs leadership as well as talent to perform well.

"Of course, we did have some leadership. Every team does," explained Coach Scott. "I expect next year they will all step up and make bigger contributions to the team, both in their meet standings and in their attitudes."

The girls swim team performed better than its record of 6-10 shows. When it came down to it, they showed that bigger isn't always better.

-Nate Miklusak

Say What?

Due to practices in the mornings, each Lady Panther swimmer lost 100 hours of sleep!



Front: Angela Gillespie, Jamie Govert, Jessica Tokar, Amy Hill, Amy Boswinkle
2nd Row: Rebecca Schoon, Valerie Webb, Kristina Pikus, Aimee Willis, Cari

Zimmerman, Coach George Scott. Back Row: Teri Govert, Jamie Harkins, Tracy Pikory, Cara Massa, Ami McQueery



Steadying herself on the low board, junior Amy Hill focuses in hopes of a flawless dive. Hill and sophomore Aimee Willis were the only two divers on the team this year



The lone senior of the swim team, Rebecca Schoon, gasps for air as she strives to gain the lead in her freestyle race. The girls ended the season with a 6-10 record.

Jamie Harkins, freshman, takes the early lead off the blocks. Being quick off the gun was one of the team's strong points this season.



Sophomore Kristina Pikus keeps the team's spirits up on the sidelines. Pikus was named one of the team leaders.

Boys and Girls Cross-Country: Slow Start; Strong Finish

Runners take your mark, set, and the crack of the starting gun sends over 100 cross country runners bumping and fighting to take an early lead. The final stretch is insight. With their adrenaline pumping, the runners give it their all as they cross the finish line.

Like most sports, cross country runners must be in top physical condition. Motivation to excel in a sport like cross country is essential.

Members of both the boys and girls cross country teams agreed that it was hard getting motivated during the beginning of the season but picked up once it got going.

"Getting spirits up for practice was hard but when it came time for the meets, we had no trouble getting excited," said junior Jamie Benson.

Senior John Korba tended

to agree.

"At the beginning, the moral was really down, but after the season got rolling, we were more mentally tough," he explained.

Injuries can destroy any team. Key players who become injured in a game, meet or practice can ruin a team's chances of winning competition and going on past the season, such as in Sectionals.

Dilemmas for the boys team were heightened by injuries.

"John Korba, our only senior, had some minor injuries and he didn't reach his peak," said Coach Ron Divjak. "He's a kid that leads by example. With his injuries, however, it made it hard for him."

Coach Divjak and Coach Craig Adelsperger, girls cross country, had their shares of rocky road; Coach Divjak having in-

jured runners and Coach Adelsperger having a lack of upperclassmen.

"The lack of really experienced upperclassmen made it tough," said Coach Adelsperger, "but juniors like Jamie Benson stepped up and pulled some slack."

Although neither squad had many seniors, they have a load of hard working juniors and sophomores coming back to make next year exciting.

"With the small numbers we had, it was hard," said junior Jaime Benson, "but the whole team is looking forward to next year due to the number of good runners we will be getting."

Coach Adelsperger agreed.

"Everyone is going to be back plus we will have skilled eighth graders moving up to the varsity level," he explained.

-Nate Miklusak

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BOYS:

Gavit Invnt 12th
Lowell W
Merrillville L
Andean L
Calumet 3rd
Highld Invnt 11th
Hobart Invnt 11th
Mstr 1 & Cent 3rd
Conference 7th
Sectionals 9th

GIRLS:

Gavit 12th
Lowell L
Mstr Tri. 3rd
Lowell Invnt 12th
Highld Invnt 12th
Conference 7th
Sectional 10th



"By the end of the year, everyone showed improvement and the whole team really came together." senior John Korba



Front: Nancy Marszalek, Brian Belcher, Tony Mendez, Paul Sines, Howie Ullrich, Chad Messino, Tina Wilcox. Back Row: Coach Ron Divjak, Tom Murray, Dave Knestrict, Richie Korba, John Korba, Chris Romano, Corey Konopasek.



Front: Dana Navarro, Lisa Trzupek, Jennie Meece. Back Row: Jamie Benson, Amy Taylor, Kezia Morris.

Say What?

The Girls Cross-Country team ran a combined total of about 230 kilometers, and the boys team ran a total of 600 kilometers in meets alone!



Junior Dana Navarro talks with teammatesophomore Amy Taylor about their race.

Junior Jamie Benson pushes herself in midstride to a strong finish. Benson was co-captain and Number One runner.



John Korba, the only senior on the boys cross country team, strides out, trying to keep ahead of the pack. His season was slowed due to injuries.



The Panther basketball team huddles together before the Highland Sec-

tional game. This was a pregame ritual designed to spark teamwork.

Say What?

The basketball team, collectively, weighed nearly a ton. That's as much as a compact car!

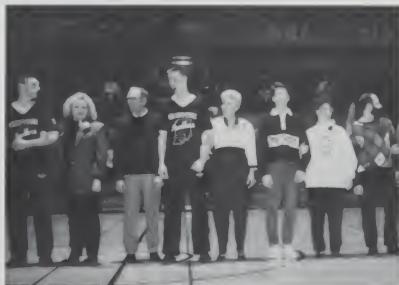
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| 62 Hanover | 53 |
| Central | |
| 58 Highland | 56 |
| 79 Lake Stat'n | 62 |
| 37 Whiting | 42 |
| 59 K. V. | 77 |
| 61 Calumet #170 | |
| 56 W. heeler | 47 |
| 45 C. P. | 43 |
| 68 Hebron | 76 |
| 63 L. C. | 73 |
| 66 River Forest | 59 |
| 71 Munster | 78 |
| 51 Lowell | 69 |
| 57 Chesterton | 59 |
| 59 Calumet #262 | |
| 75 Clark | 57 |
| 46 Hobart | 34 |
| 78 Gavitt | 86 |
| 81 Marquette | 57 |
| SECTIONALS | |
| 53 Highland | 46 |
| 90 Calumet | 64 |



"We gave it our best this year and accomplished a lot through all the hard work."

Ruben Hernandez, senior



As in any sport, parents play a big role in the success of the team. The basketball

players parents are honored during pregame at the annual Parents Night.



Senior Scott Sherry goes up high against M.C. Marquette. Sherry was named first team Lake Suburban All-Conference.



Front: Nancy Marszalek, John Hancock, Chris Eaton, Jeff Carroll, Tina Wilcox. 2nd Row: Garrett Blahunka, Chad Sutton,

Matt Fech, Jason Matthews, Ron Govert, Bryan Schaller. Back Row: Coach Bob Hastings, Scott Sherry, Neil Irvin, Andre

Jones, Coach Ron Divjak, Kyle Towson, Ruben Hernandez, Jay Harder, Coach Ed Skaggs.

Boys Basketball:

Concentration, Patience, Effort= Victory

The Panther basketball team came along way from its 4-17 record two years ago to finish this year with a record of 12-10.

The Panthers had some exciting moments, such as beating Crown Point in overtime and Highland in Sectionals.

And, the cagers were geared for the Sectional finale with Calumet, but the Warriors proved to a better team they beat the Pan-

thers to end hopes of the first Sectional championship in 20 years.

The hoopsters started practice in the middle of October, but the real preparation took place in the summer during open gym and while practicing individual skills on the courts.

Senior guard Ruben Hernandez said, "People came to open gym, and others went to Omni or Lincoln Center and played dur-

ing the summer to get ready for the season."

The team and individual players set personal goals for the regular basketball season.

"I wanted to be competitive in Conference, and I wanted to play for the sectional championship," senior Scott Sherry said.

In most of the games, senior leadership took over.

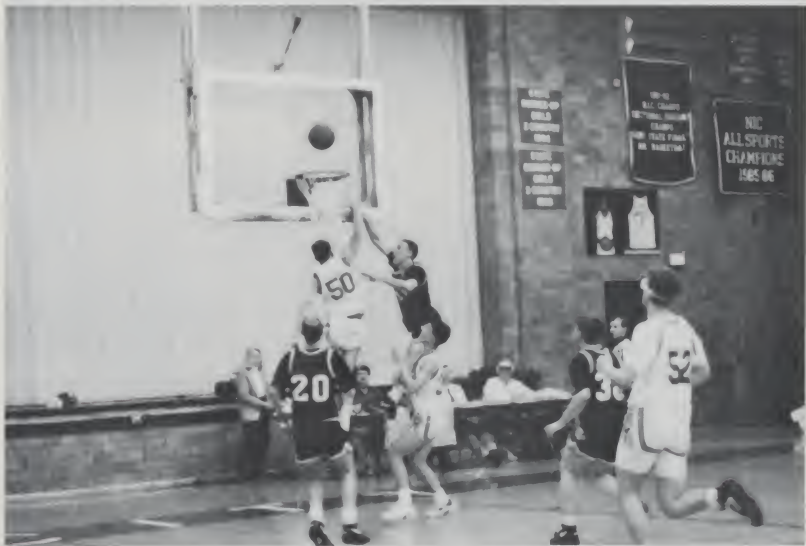
Coach Ron Divjak explained.

"The senior leadership, experience and athletic ability were the key elements of the season," he said.

The Panthers focused on three key elements -- concentration, patience and effort -- throughout the season to help the cagers to victory.

Hernandez said, "We gave it our best this year and accomplished a lot through all the hard work."

-Matt Fech



Senior Kyle Toweson, another Lake Suburban All-Conference member, lays in

two points as senior Ron Govert and junior Garrett Blahunka are in position

for the rebound. These three played a huge role in the success of the 1992-93

Panther basketball team. All three started at one time or another during the year

Blood, Sweat, and Tears: A Wrestler's Prayer

The problem with many sports teams is often inexperience, and this year's wrestling team was no exception. With only four seniors, one of them in his first year, saying they were inexperienced might be putting it mildly.

"Inexperience and not being strong enough were two of the major down falls," said Assistant Coach Chris Mares. "On the other hand, there isn't a team out there that doesn't have a rebuilding year. Every team has an off year."

"I knew we were going to have a rough time in the dual meets since there are a lot of good teams in the area," said Coach Scott Hendron. We did get a lot of help from our senior captains (Marcello Garcia, Fabian Martinez and Nate

Miklusk); they brought some experience into the room."

The seniors agreed that the inexperience played a big role during the meets and that it also showed during practice.

"It didn't seem like they (underclassmen) took it seriously," said senior 103 pounder Marcello Garcia, "but I expect them to mature more as they get more experienced."

Many of the underclassmen admitted that they needed to get more "mat time," and all agreed that they would be working hard for next year.

"For it being my first year, I feel that I did well," explained first year junior Aaron Pollock, "but I know I have a lot of work to do over the spring and sum-

mer."

"The younger kids have a great ability to learn quickly and adapt to the new moves we show them," added Assistant Coach Mares.

Next year, the team will implement a plan which includes strength, conditioning and technique.

"The strength and conditioning will come as they mature physically," said Coach Hendron. "I plan to concentrate on the technique part of wrestling so the moves become second nature to them."

"They (underclassmen) took a lot of lumps this year," continued Coach Hendron, "but in the next couple of years, I'll expect them to be giving some back."

- Nate Miklusk

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GHS vs.

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| 37 River Forest | 18 |
| 36 North Newton | 37 |
| 30 Whiting | 24 |
| 60 Roosevelt | 15 |
| 31 Lew Wallace | 21 |
| 7 Gavitt | 51 |
| 18 Lowell | 4 |
| 18 Crown Point | 41 |
| 20 E. C. Central | 43 |
| 36 Highland | 36 |
| 27 Munster | 34 |
| 18 Lowell | 44 |
| 11 Wirt | 28 |
| 18 K. V | 51 |
| 69 West Side | 4 |
| 10 Calumet | 51 |
| 19 Munster | 45 |
| 30 M. C. Rogers | 45 |
| 29 Clark | 34 |
| 29 S. B. Wash. | 42 |
| 27 Lake Station | 48 |
| 24 Lowell | 42 |
| 25 Lake Central | 36 |



"This year wasn't the greatest, but we had a lot of fun and the younger kids got some experience. In a couple of years, they will be good." senior Fabian Martinez

Tying up and looking to get a good takedown, junior Gavin Reyome reaches for a leg. After gaining a third place in conference and qualifying for Regionals, Reyome was an asset to the team.



Front: Marcello Garcia, Marc Acosta, Scott Kulinski. 2nd Row: Dan Flores, Tom Hall, Gavin Reyome, Angel Badillo, Aaron Pollock, Fabian Martinez. Back

Row: Coach Scott Hendron, Rick Lane, Chris Brown, Nate Miklusk, Dave Kirk, Ryan Gootee, Asst. Coach Nick Miklusk, Asst. Coach Chris Mares.

Say What?

On the average, the wrestling team ran 40 minutes each practice. Over this last season, each wrestler ran for over 2,400 minutes!



Struggling to keep his Calumet opponent on his back, senior captain Marcello

Garcia works his way toward a pin. Garcia was the first to make it to the State

finals since Scott Blount in 1976. Garcia placed fifth in his weight class, 103lbs.

Garcia finished the his last season with a record of 35-3.



Sprawling back to escape a takedown, senior Nate Miklusak looks to get around

his opponent : Over his career, Miklusak posted the best two-year record at 55-5





Ladies "Reign" as Panthers Break Drought

The 1992-93 Lady Panthers looked to senior leadership for a successful basketball season.

Seniors Leslie Biscan, Sandy Bronson, Anita Garnett, and Jenna Lehmann led the Lady Panther cagers to the Wheeler Holiday Tournament title and the school's first win in sectional play in 10 years.

Juniors Doniel Rettig and Jada Mardis also played a large part in the team's successful season. Likewise,

sophomores Kim Stanford, Kezia Morris and Heather Weardon along with freshman Jessica Furman contributed this year.

"The high point for the team was when we won the Wheeler Tourney and when we won a sectional game," Biscan said.

It took dedication to achieve success. Goals were set and hard work and preparation carried the ladies to reach them.

Garnett said, "We had set

several goals for the season. One main goal was to win a sectional game."

They practiced the fundamentals at practice and turned those practices into weapons during the games.

"The inside players worked harder to get open and the guards made sharper passes this year," said Garnett, forward and guard.

Not only did the cagers work on team skills but also individual skills.

"We did a lot of ball handling and shooting, and it seemed to help us in the games," said Lehmann, center and forward.

Conditioning also played a larger role in this year's success. Conditioning was difficult, but it helped the team towards the end of the year.

"We did more vigorous conditioning than we've ever done in years past," said Biscan.

-Matt Fech

The Lady eagers work together on defense. It paid off as they won a first sectional game in ten years and the Wheeler Holiday Tournament.

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| 49 Morton | 53 201 |
| 37 Lake Central | 77 |
| 40 Lake Station | 34 |
| 41 N. Newton | 33 |
| 44 Wheeler | 37 |
| 54 Ham d High | 44 |
| 81 Munster | 39 |
| 55 Oregon Davis | 23 |
| 49 River For'st | 26 |
| 57 Highland | 36 |
| 62 Gavitt | 24 |
| 48 Calumet | 27 |
| 37 Lowell | 40 |
| 52 Clark | 53 |
| 21 Crown Point | 38 |
| 47 Whiting | 40 |

Sectionals:

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| 63 Calumet | 35 |
| 71 Lake Central | 68 |



"The inside players worked harder to get open and the guards made sharper passes this year."

-Anita Garnett, senior-



Front: Sandy Bronson, Kim Stanford, Lisa Trzupok, Daniel Rettig. Back Row:

Heather Weardon, Leslie Biscan, Jenna Lehmann, Jada Mardis, Anita Garnett, Kezia Morris



Coach Craig Adelsberger explains the game plan to the Lady Panthers. Coach Adelsberger led the ladies to their first sectional win in ten years.



Senior Jenna Lehmann hugs another teammate as the season came to an end with a heartbreaking loss to Lake Central, 68-31 in the Sectional. Lehmann

was named First Team All-Lake Suburban Conference and to the Hoosier's Top 100 girls in the state. She was also named Second Team All-Area by the Times

Say What?

This season the girls played 646 minutes in games. That's 10 hours and 45 minutes of gametime. That's how long it would take to get to Rochester, NY from Griffith!

"Friend"s In London

Individual awards aren't common when it comes to cheerleading. It takes special talent to stand out over the rest in a camp full of girls all competing for the same goal. To have three girls from one school achieve this recognition at one camp is outstanding.

Kelley Gall, Lindsey Friend, and Shannon Bopp were all named UCA All-Stars. Friend was the only one who decided to go to London, England, to participate in the parade.

It took special preparation to even be nominated for the award. The three

girls had to practice extra even more than the normal practices required.

Friend said, "We had to do a dance and a floor cheer."

The trip was made possible by special fundraisers and donations.

"I sold candy, hair bows, cookies, and pins along with sending letters to businesses asking for donations," she said.

Friend was among a select few who participated in the parade. The girls in the New Year's Day parade were from all across the United States.

She had to learn the routines from a video tape to prepare for the parade. This was not an easy task, but Friend took it in stride.

"We only practiced one night, that's why we had to learn the routine and the dance from video," she said.

It took long hard hours, but it seemed to pay off in the end.

"I thought all the work that I put into it was worth it because I thought about when could I be in a parade in London, again," Friend stated.

-Matt Fech



Kelley Gall, Lindsey Friend and Shannon Bopp show off the form that made them UCA All-Stars.

The cheerleaders look to the crowd for support in the hopes it will help the Panthers on to victory. The cheerleader adjusted well to the changes that came about this year. The hard hours that she put in over the summer paid off as three of the cheerleaders were named UCA All-Stars.

Famished after the Junior Varsity game, junior Shannon Bopp takes timeout for a hamburger during the Varsity game. She went to the popular hangout McDonald's, afterwards.



Junior Keela Gootee and senior Kelley Gall take a break in cheering during the Homecoming Parade en route to the game. The cheerleaders, along with the Pantherettes, played a big role in preparation for the parade.





Cheerleaders Work Toward Goals

The GHS cheerleading squad put in long, hard hours over the summer with practices and camp to make every cheer and routine perfect. They knew as soon as school started, there would only be time to polish the finer parts of the routines and cheers.

"We worked really hard in the summer because with a great football team to cheer for, we knew what was

ahead of us," said co-captain Lindsey Friend, senior.

The cheerleaders had a ton of stuff to learn and so very little time to learn it, so they worked until they got it down right.

Second year varsity cheerleader and senior Melissa Busovsky stated, "We practiced—and practiced—and practiced. There are about a million cheers and chants and dances and

mounts to teach the new girls before we can even think about doing something new."

Things changed over the summer, as they gained a cheer coach.

"Mrs. Dudek took over as sponsor of all of us after Miss Mar(cinek) deserted us for Crown Point," stated Busovsky. "We also got a coach, Ms. Amy Schmidt, to help us out, and her boy-

friend sometimes comes to help us with mounts."

Not only did the cheerleaders practice for themselves, they had to practice for camp. They also held a camp for younger girls.

"We tried to hold practice for camp at least three days a week for an hour and a half to two hours," said Danielle Dudek, senior.

-Matt Fech



Life in the Fast Lane

"Our goal as a team was to place all the guys in the Sectionals," said team captain Bryan Dominguez, senior.

Unfortunately, the team fell a bit short of this goal. However, several guys did make it to the Sectional finals.

"I was a little disappointed that I didn't win Sectionals since it was my senior year," said senior Brian Pelletier.

Pelletier had nothing to be disappointed about con-

sidering he was a member of the 200 freestyle relay team which broke the school records this year with a 1:42.15 second time. John Malepa, Brayden Wayne and Phil Bice were his teammates.

The team improved as a whole.

Pelletier said, "The whole year was better because of our new coach, Karl Grimmer. He knows what he's talking about because he's a triathlete himself. He emphasized our weight

training, and his attitude was great. Grimmer never held a grudge."

To improve the team, Coach Grimmer implemented a 6 a.m. workout in addition to the after-school practice.

The team had to get there by 5:50 a.m. and swam until 7:15 a.m.

One setback for the team was its small numbers. The team had only 12 members with very few seniors.

To establish a feeder system by catching young

swimmers' attentions, Coach Grimmer intended to include elementary school children in his team plans.

"The team will do better in the next couple years because Coach Grimmer is starting a program that begins with the grade school kids. In a few years, the team will be able to compete more effectively against big schools, like Lake Central and Munster," said Dominguez.

-Jackie Acosta

Senior Bryan Dominguez holds up the U for junior Luke Dalach. The team torn the U from a sign and chanted "You You You" to encourage each other.

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| Gavitt | L |
| Hammond | L |
| Calumet | L |
| H. Mann | W |
| L.C. | L |
| CDHS | L |
| Kankakee | L |
| Roosevelt | W |
| E. Chicago | W |
| Highland | L |



"The whole year was a team effort."

-Brian Pelletier, senior-



Joe Reid, junior, was one of the three divers for the boys swim team.

Sophomore John Nalepa encourages a teammate during a meet. Nalepa swam the 200 and 500 freestyle.



Say What?

To avoid cramps, each swimmer was required to drink 1.5 gallons of water every day before practice and .5 gallons each night. That's a total of 720 gallons of water during the season!



Front Row: manager Kristina Pikus, manager Sarah Curtis. 2nd Row: Matt Skura, Luke Dalach, Joe Reid, John Nalepa, Brad Chandler. 3rd Row: Coach Karl Grimmer, Braden Wayne, Tom Murry, Mark Patrick, Matt Govert, Coach Price.

Boys Tennis: Giving It All We Got!

A few deep breaths, the ball is lofted gently in the air, a smooth down swing and it's in. Then, wack. No more than a half of a second later that little green ball you thought was so harmless is sailing back at you. No, it's not American Gladiators, it's tennis season.

Although tennis might be overlooked at times in the fall as spectators concentrate on football, it is guaranteed that each member of the team puts his all into his game.

"Everyone played mentally tough," said Coach Tim Maluga, "and no one got down on other team mates; they were always on the up and up."

Like many teams at Rick Lane, Ken

GHS, winning and losing basically boiled down to inexperience and a lack of numbers on the team.

"For the few of us that came out, it started out to be a promising season, and we all planned to have a lot of fun," stated senior Matt Rubacha.

As for the inexperience side of the story, the team also has plans to turn it around as well.

"I considered this more of a rebuilding year," said Coach Maluga. "I'm expecting the junior varsity and underclassmen to work hard in the off-season and come back to a great season."

Rudzenski and Scott Doctor are just a few of the underclassmen that he spoke of.

"They are hard workers all of them," explained Coach Maluga.

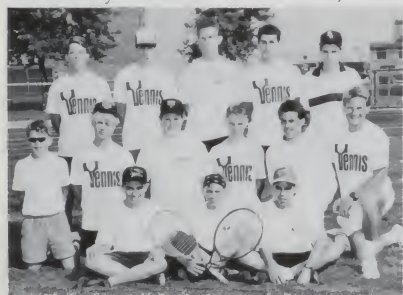
It was hard to judge this year because we were young and inexperienced," added junior Rick Lane, "but I still feel we could have won a couple more of our close matches."

-Nate Miklusak

Ulja Matoski, senior, smashes an overhead serve, hoping for an ace. Serving was one of the team's strong points.



Playing at first-string singles, senior Matt Rubacha makes a cross court save.



Front: Weslie Hopper, Keith Kinder, Jason Gonzalez. 2nd Row: Steve Safarzyk, Phil Bice, Chris VanGorp, Ken Rudzinski, Jason Andriessen, Coach Tim Maluga. Back Row: Matt Rubacha, Joe Serbentasi, John Breclaw, Fred Rauscher, Cory O'Brien.



Sophomore Scott Doctor warms up before his match. He is one expected to step up and help the team next year.

Fred Rauscher, sophomore, works on his serving game, hoping to jump into a varsity position next year.



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Hobart Invnt 11th
Matr/Lk Cent 3rd
Conference 7th

Sectionals 9th

GIRLS:

Gavit 12th
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Matr Tri. 3rd
Lowell Invnt 12th
Highd Invnt 12th
Conference 7th
Sectional 10th



"We were a young team but we are going to work hard over the summer and get better."

junior Rick Lane



Say What?

Over seven weeks of practice and home meets the tennis team ran a total of about 234 times around the tennis courts!

Soccer: Just For Kicks

Soccer, a sport that requires a lot of running, endurance and talent.

It takes a lot of footwork to control the soccerball. But for junior Neil Irvin, it's a bit different.

"I like playing goalie because of the adrenaline rush I get when someone kicks the ball at the goal and I have to react in a split second," he explained.

This year, the soccer team did not do as well as they expected.

"We trained very hard this year. Plus, a lot of the guys are on indoor soccer teams as well as summer leagues. It wasn't that we were bad. Every team was just better," said senior Joe Gonzalez.

Some of the soccer play-

ers enjoyed a great season.

"I had a pretty good season, and we had a lot of fun this year. I can't wait until next year because we'll have six seniors and some experienced juniors. Plus, I'll be a senior," said junior Rick Lane.

In the game against Lake Central, the Panthers were down 2-0 with 1.5 minutes on the clock. Senior Jason Randolph passed the ball through the defense to Gonzalez, creating a fast break, earning a goal and making the score 2-1.

With the team's spirit rising, Gonzalez made a pass to sophomore Trevor Domazet, who pounded the ball into the corner of the net, tying the score at 2-2. The Panthers held back the

Indians.

"Lake Central thought they were going to win, so they put a girl in on my side, which was a mistake. So, I took advantage of the opportunity and scored," said Gonzalez.

-Gavin Remyone

PUT IT ON THE LINE

GHS vs.

- 1 Andean 1
- 2 E.C. Central 0
- 1 Hammond 4
- 1 Chesterton 1
- 1 Highland 2
- 5 Crown Point 0
- 4 Lake Central 0
- 2 Portage 0
- 2 Munster 3
- 3 Highland 2
- 4 Crown Point 0
- 2 Lake Central 2
- 3 Munster 1
- 7 Valparaiso 7
- 4 LSC 2



"When we beat Lake Central this year, it was a real motivating experience. We were expected to lose." Joe Potesta junior



After junior Neil Irvin clears the goal, the other players rush down the field. "The key to a successful offense is a fast offense," said junior Joe Potesta.



Say What?

For the first nine games of the season, the soccer team did not have home-field advantage. The guys traveled more than 338 miles to play!



Sophomore Shawn Myers demonstrates proper defense as senior Jason Randolph pursues the ball carrier and tries to regain control of the soccer ball.



The Panthers stretch out before the game. "Making sure you are limber before the game improves your mobility," said sophomore Trevor Domazet.

The referees outline the basic rules of soccer for the game and check the players' spikes to make sure they all pass the regulations.



Front: Phil Bice, Shawn Myers, Adam Zondor, Dave Knestrict, Ben Kitchens, Rick Lane, Paul Sines, Jason Randolf. 2nd Row: Joe Potesta, Dan Bartnicki, Dan Aguilar, Arron Haszley, Jason Castel,

Ryan Gootee, Trevor Domazet, Mike Rodell, Joe Gonzalez, Jenny Pantea. 3rd Row: Lynda Phillips, Chuck Hartman, Jeff Messmer, Kevin Messmer, Chris Gonzalez, Pete Wochek, Liz Textor. Back

Row: Cordell Funk, Devon Juhasz, Chris Miller, Greg Bradburn, Mike Marjanovich, Neil Ervin, Todd Thiron, Alan Sutkowski, Rob Ganz, John Korba, Ron Knestrict

Softball: Touching Base

Varsity softball team members worked hard to make sure they were ready for a successful season.

They went through three weeks of intense conditioning to get in shape. Game situations and sliding were a daily part of practices before the season, too.

Coach Bruce Turner said, "I wanted all the girls to be on the same page during every situation."

The team discussed strategies, plays and an over-all good attitude. They also talked about goals, such as playing together and keeping pumped up.

Captain Becky Duney, senior, said, "We had a slow start at the beginning, but we came around, and a lot of girls who didn't get along at first played as a team got

the job done without bickering."

Attitudes and getting along had a lot to do with many sports teams. Playing together as a team instead of everyone for themselves was demanded in the sport of softball. Nobody could play all nine positions at once.

This season, the girls participated in a Merrillville tournament on May 22. The team started off with a victory over South Bend La Salle, 3 to 2. GHS won their second win, when they 10-run ruled Merrillville to get into the championship game which was supposed to be played against L.C. But, the rain started coming down harder and harder. The game was cancelled even before it started

because both coaches decided they didn't want any players to get hurt before Sectionals.

The girls had to wake up at approximately 5:45 that morning so they weren't too sad to hear the game was cancelled.

The varsity had six seniors leaving this year and that left about six starting returners.

"I feel we will do really good next year with the talent coming back and the underclassmen," said junior Lynn Katona.

-Kim Stanford

Sophomore Jen Rossner lays down a left-handed running bunt to sacrifice herself and get the runner onto second. Even though the varsity did not have any left-handers, a few of the girls batted or bunted either way to fake out the opposing team.



Front: Adriana Salcedo, Nikki Neighbors, Christine Canady, Sharon Rhine, Lisa Covarrubias, Kim Stanford, Jen Rossner, Aimee Willis, Aaron Lynnard. 2nd Row: Lynn Katona, Amy Bishop, Heather Devitt, Becky Duney, Kellie Adams, Sandie Bronson, Jen Kuck, Leslie Biscan. 3rd Row: Alana Robles, Carolyn Redar, Kara Siegle, Katie Reinschreiber, Courtney Spillman, Courtney Sanger, Loreen Batinic, Missy Linders. Back Row: Coach Bruce Turner, Sarah Mazocco, Michelle Baran, Jo Nahod, Doniel Rettig, Colleen Butler, Emily Bacan, Betsy Blessing, Coach Dave Turner.





PUT IT ON THE LINE

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| Hobart 3 | |
| Lake Central 7 | |
| N. Newton 0 | |
| Crown Point 7 | |
| Calumet 0 | |
| Lowell 0 | |
| Highland 3 | |
| Hamm. High 1 | |
| Munster 0 | |
| Lake Central 1 | |
| Crown Point 2 | |
| Noll 3 | |
| Calumet 8 | |
| Lowell 4 | |
| Andrea 4 | |
| S. Bend LaSalle 2 | |
| Merrillville 0 | |
| Sectionals | |
| Lowell 4 | |



"We had a slow start at the beginning but we came around and played as a team."
Becky Duney, senior

Sophomore Kim Stanford reaches into her mitt after catching a line-drive hit by a Hammond High player. Besides varsity softball, Stanford played on a traveling summer softball team, Explosion, that placed 5th in the nation.



Seniors Jen Kuck and Sandie Bronson work together to tuck Bronson's jersey sleeves under so she would be cooler on a 87 degree day. On hot days during the games, the team worked on their tans while playing.

Say What?

Every time a girl reached the plate, she had to run around the bases (240 feet). With 119 season runs scored, this came to about 28,560 feet!



Baseball: Defending Their Championship

It's the bottom of the ninth with two outs and bases loaded in the final game of the series. The score is 3-1 when Number 24 steps into the batter's box. Electricity surges through the crowd. The pitcher winds up and throws. Strike One. The batter waves it off. The pitcher winds up and throws. Strike Two. The batter laughs. Now, spectators see the fear in the pitcher's eyes. He cocks back his arm and throws the ball. Number 24 turns the bat and swings and... .

Baseball is known as the great American pastime. Todd Queen, junior, explained the reason why he joined the baseball team.

"I love this game of baseball. I have been playing it since my Babe Ruth days. Once I hit a Grand Slam in the Babe Ruth All-Star game

that changed me forever. And that made the game exciting and fun to me," said Queen.

Junior Bryan Schaller said baseball made a major impact on his life.

"I like playing baseball because we have a pretty good team. It's something that I will always remember. It's something I will be able to tell my children when I get older," said Schaller.

Senior Courts Jetton saw baseball as a true team sport.

"I like playing baseball because it's fun. I like being able to help the team to achieve a conference championship or Sectional or maybe State," he said.

Despite their outstanding 17-8 record, the baseball team lost 4-3 in the first game of Sectionals.

-Mike Ramsey

PUT IT ON THE LINE

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| 1 | Chesterion | 9 |
| 5 | L. C. | 4 |
| 6 | Crown Point | 8 |
| 4 | Clark | 3 |
| 3 | Calumet | 0 |
| 2 | Lowell | 4 |
| 10 | Highland | 3 |
| 2 | Munster | 3 |
| 7 | L. C. | 3 |
| 1 | Andean | 6 |
| 5 | Crown Point | 9 |
| 2 | Gavit | 3 |
| 6 | River Forest | 4 |
| 11 | Calumet | 6 |
| 2 | Lowell | 0 |
| 5 | Morton | 0 |
| 7 | East Chicago | 6 |
| 1 | Whiting | 5 |
| 7 | Noll | 4 |
| 3 | Morton | 4 |



"I like playing baseball because it's fun. I like being able to help the team to achieve a conference championship or Sectional or maybe State."

Courts Jetton, senior

Seniors Kevin Daugherty and Courts Jetton and junior Brian Dutkiewicz rest between innings. The team was ranked as high as fifth in the Times baseball poll.





Junior Todd Queen debates a strike with the umpire with a cold stare. Queen batted .387 during the 1993 season.

Junior Bryan Schaller winds up for the pitch to homeplate. Schaller's record was 5-1 for the season



Front: Brian Rodell, Jenny Ristic, Jenny Gajewski, Danielle Dudek, Ron Govett. 2nd Row: Jason Parsons, Courts Jetton, Dominick Roman, Scott Cherven, Scott Mauch, Ryan Hoover, Adam Eisense.

Kevin Daugherty. Back Row: Coach Jim Anderson, Kyle Toweson, Bryan Schaller, Scott Sherry, Bryan Dutkiewicz, Todd Queen, Lee Thomas, Coach Tim Foss.

Say What?

The varsity baseball team chewed an averaged 4 pounds of sunflower seeds per game. That's 112 pounds of sunflower seeds this season.

Girls Track: Faster Than the Average Panther

Silence falls. As she wipes sweat from her forehead, her fist tightens. Her muscles flex as she digs into her starting position as perfectly as possible—and then the starting gun pops.

Across the field there is a competitor of a different kind. In her small circle, she concentrates, hoping this throw will be the one that puts her above the rest. She takes a deep breath and, with all her might, hurls the 8 pound sphere into the air.

This is girls track. And with all its different events, there is always an

aura of excitement during the meets.

With all sports, dedication and hard practice are a prerequisite—with girls track, there's no exception. Every member, without exception, conditions so that she can give it her best.

"Practice for my events require a lot of running. Usually when the team splits up, we might run a series of five 400 meter sprints," said senior Rachael Luptak, the team captain.

"Even though I'm a thrower, I still have to run laps after stretching," said

sophomore Leanna Kirk.

Members, particularly upperclassmen, compete not only with members from other teams, but with members from their team—past and present.

"The school record for the 300 meter low hurdles is 5.1 seconds, and my fastest time is 5.3 seconds. My goal this season was to drop those two tenths of a second so that I can hold the school record," said Luptak.

New members of the track team, as in most sports, usually aren't prepared for meets, or they aren't expecting it to be

what it is.

"I pictured track a lot differently. Everything is happening at once, and there are so many people from other schools that you have to compete with," said sophomore Johanna Vestal.

Unless a team wins state, every team has their own reasons for losing, whether it be through injuries, lack of participation, or lack of effort.

"I think that we would have done better this year if we had better support from the fans," added Kirk.

-Joe Dangelo

Say What?

The team's discus throwers threw a total of 1,379 feet during the season. In the real world, that more than 1/4 of a mile!



Sophomore Roxanne Luptak and her boyfriend, junior Mike Anderson (a member of the boys track team) stretch

before Luptak's 400 meter dash. Luptak finished sixth at the Sectional held at Highland High School.



Sophomore Beth Patterson pours on the speed as she sprints home during the 100 meter dash. Patterson, who finished fourth in this race, originally didn't in-

tend to run the 100 meter dash. "The coach thought that I was fast enough to run it so she asked me to. At first, I didn't want to, but now I like it," she added.

On your marks... get set... GO! Sophomore Sara Redar takes off as the starting gun is heard. Preparation for a race can be a very important to the runner. Start-

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| Munster | L |
| Highland & Lk. Cent | L |
| Munster Inv. | L |
| Cal. Invite | L |
| Lk. Sub. Con. | L |
| Sectional | L |



"We would have done better this year if we would have had better practices and if the team had been more dedicated."

Johnna Vestal, sophomore

ing blocks must be placed securely and in the proper position. Also, team mates must brace the starting block so that it won't slip off.



First Row: Roxanne Luptak, Jenny Manno, Denise Palucki, Lisa Smith, Sara Redar, Johnna Vestal. Second Row: Sarah Kozuch, Leanna Kirk, Nancy Marszalek, Julie

Stucky, Tina Wilcox, Johnna Vestal. Back Row: Coach Sue Willong, Amy Taylor, Tamar Scott, Michelle Zukauskas, Rachael Luptak, Jamie Benson, Beth Patterson.



PUT IT ON THE LINE

Indoor Conf.-6th
Lowell/Calumet-L
Highland/L.C.-I
Hobart Little 5-5th
Calumet Invite-4th
Lk. Sub. Conf.-6th



"This year has been a rebuilding year. We didn't have very many upperclassmen out for the team."
Coach Les Thorton

Putting spikes in his new shoes, sophomore Aaron Riese gets ready to run some sprints. Riese occasionally ran the 200 and competed in the shot put and discus.

Boys Track: Rebuilding the Track (Team)

"This year has been a rebuilding year; we didn't have very many upperclassmen out for the team," said Coach Les Thorton.

This basically described this year's varsity track season. Although the team did not win meets, the runners did show up for practices.

"I never really expected to do great this year since I'm only a sophomore and it's my first year in track. I just wanted to improve my times and start getting in shape for football," said sophomore Andy Budack.

About 50 percent of the team joined to get in shape for football, but not everyone.

"I came out for track because I enjoy running long distance, such as the two

mile and also the mile. Also, I'm too slow to run short races, so I figured I would try distances, and it turned out to be fun," said junior Rich Korba.

Even though the team started off slowly, losing to Calumet and Lake Central, they later redeemed themselves by beating Calumet the last two times they faced them.

The team also placed fourth out of seven teams at the Highland Invitational, which was probably the team's major accomplishment this season.

"I thought the first loss to Calumet was basically because of the inexperience of the team, considering about three-fourths of the team had never run in a varsity

meet before," said Coach Scott Hendrin.

In the Outdoor Conference Meet, the team placed sixth, once again beating Calumet. Junior Chad Sutton won the high hurdles and also placed second in the high jump. Teammate Fred Rauscher placed sixth in the half-mile and also the mile. The mile relay team captured a fourth in the Conference.

At the Highland Sectional, the Panthers pulled out four qualifiers for the Regionals held at Gary Roosevelt. The mile relay team took a fourth, Roucher took a third in the mile run, and Sutton grabbed a first in the high jump. Sutton also won Regionals.

-Chad Sutton



Front Row: Ruben Hernandez, David Varichak, Lewis Belcher, Howie Ollrich, Jerime Wargo, Aaron York. 2nd Row: Corey Konopasek, Brian Miller, Aaron Riese, Fred Rauscher, Matt Rubaka, Josh Nesius, Chris Romano, Doug Schaffer.

Back Row: Coach Scott Hendrin, Coach Bernie Zieman, Mike Anderson, Jeff Farrar, Rich Korba, Nate Guy, Chad Sutton, Andy Schoon, Coach Les Thorton

Getting ready for the Conference meet, Junior Chad Sutton works on his form for the high jump. Sutton placed second.



Senior Matt Rubacha ran the 800 throughout the year. Rubacha also played tennis and managed the basketball team during the Fall and Winter.

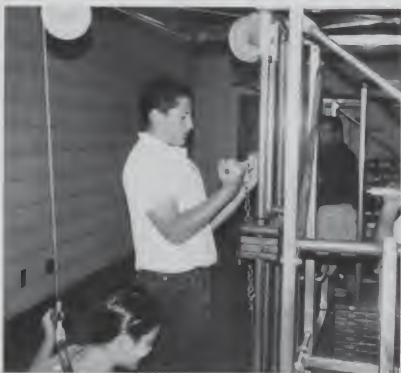
Junior Nate Guy gets ready to throw the shot put. Nate was a first-year track member who competed in the shot put and, occasionally, the discus.

Say What?

Members of the boys track team wore a total of 228 spikes for good traction.

Say What?

The golf team walked a total of 31,500 yards for matches and practices. That's almost 18 miles!



Senior Paul Gilbertsen practices his touch on the putting green. Over 50 percent of the golf score is from putts alone.

Lifting weights was a new part of golf that Coach Larry Parker implemented for the 1993 Panthers. Sophomore Brad Chandler shows that he could hold his own with anyone on the golf team.



Front: Bradden Wayne, Paul Gilbertsen, Brad Chandler, Rob Clark, Jeff Hudson, Eddie King. Back Row: Coach Larry Parker, Brian Pelletier, Brian Grevech, Ilija Matoski, John Nalepa, Eric Will.



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| Portage | W |
| Munster | L |
| Highland | L |
| Bishop Noll | L |
| Calumet | W |
| Munster | L |
| Morton | W |
| Calumet | W |
| L. Central | L |
| C. Point | L |
| Lowell | W |
| Lk. Station | W |
| Gavit | L |
| Merrillville | L |
| Highland | L |
| C. Point | L |
| Sectionals | L |



"I was more relaxed, and it helped me shoot better scores."

Ilija Matoski, senior



Senior Ilija Matoski lines up for his drive on the first hole. The senior played a large role in the success of the Panthers golf team. His season average for nine holes was 43.9. Matoski has been golfing since his freshman year.



Junior Rob Clark shows the form that led the Panthers during the 1993 golf season. Clark led the team in scoring average with a 42 per round.

Golf: Chasing the Lynx

The golf team, under the leadership of first-year coach Larry Parker, set high expectations for themselves for the 1993 golf season. The team wanted to shoot a team score of 160 or better.

The golfers also came in before school to either lift weights or hit golf balls into the net.

"Our goal was to shoot 160 as a team," Coach Parker said. "I felt that if the team could shoot that consistently, then we would have a good chance to win matches."

The Panthers had some trouble getting used to the

new coach and his habits but finally adapted and let the work pay off.

"I had some doubts about the way things were being done at first, but then I finally got used to the way Coach Parker was doing things. It turned out pretty good," said senior Brian Pelletier.

The team's play was erratic at the beginning of the season but began to settle down as the season went on. The team was led by junior Rob Clark and seniors Matt Fech, Illija Matoski, Pelletier and Paul Gilbertsen. Sophomores

John Nalepa and Eric Will as well as junior Brian Greceвич contributed to the team.

"The difference between this year and last year was that if one of us shot bad, there was always another person there to pick up the slack," said Matoski. "I was relaxed, and it helped me shoot better scores."

Although golf could have been seen as an individual effort by each and every golfer, the team concept was the most important item to the lynx chasers.

"I was more worried about what the team shot

than what I shot," said Clark. "I knew that the individual stuff would take care of itself."

The Panthers said they didn't reach their full expectations. Just as any sports team, they had there ups and downs.

"I thought we could do a little better than we did but all in all it was a pretty good season," said Clark.

The golfers had a positive outlook before and during the season.

"I felt that we accomplished a lot this season," said Pelletier.

-Matt Fech

Girls Tennis: We Made History

Conference runner-up, Sectional Champions, four 1st Team All-Conference members and a sophomore selected to Second Team All-Conference.

The girls tennis team made GHS history this year with a series of "firsts."

"This year has been a great year for us. We were kind of expecting to be pretty tough this year since we were returning about the whole varsity and ended up tough," said Number Two singles player Jodi Haack, senior.

Okay, if your not impressed, look at it this way. There are only seven spots on First Team; Griffith got four of them, so that leaves three spots for the other six teams in the conference. If that is not domination, then what is?

Facing their arch-rivals,

12th-ranked Munster twice and walking away heartbroken, the girls regained some respect when conference selections were made.

"Since we lost to them (Munster) twice, I'm just really glad that we got more All Conference selections," said senior Kelly Gall, Number One singles player.

While the team didn't advance to Regionals, this conference title gave senior Lindsey Friend something to celebrate.

"It felt pretty good to only lose one match as a team my senior year, even though we didn't win the Regional. It still feels good knowing that I'm one of the seven people in the history of Griffith High to compete in the tennis regional," said Friend.

However, freshman Sa-

rah Miller did not stop at Regional; she went on to compete at Semi-State in Indianapolis.

"State competition should be very difficult. But the excitement should be intense," Miller explained.

Junior Dana Navarro, a new player to the team, summed up the season.

"We had a lot of competition for the Second Doubles spot, but we all pulled together with the help of a few Slurpees," explained Navarro.

PUT IT ON THE LINE - Chad Sutton

GHS vs.

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| 4 Lk Station 1 |
| 4 Crown Pt. 1 |
| 5 Lowell 1 |
| 5 Calumet 0 |
| 5 Chesterton 0 |
| 4 Portage 1 |
| 3 Andean 2 |
| 5 Cavit 0 |
| 5 Lk Central 0 |
| 4 Ec Central 1 |
| 4 Highland 1 |
| 5 River Forest 0 |
| 3 Hanover Cl. 2 |
| 5 Hobart 0 |
| 5 Hanover Cl. 0 |
| 5 Crown Point 0 |
| 1 Munster 4 |



"Hard work, dedication, and talent contributed to the success of our team."
Dana Navarro, junior

Say What?

On the average, the team went to Dairy Queen six times a week. This amounted to over 12,240 ounces in shakes and floats!



Jodi Haack, senior, played Number 2 singles on varsity and had an excellent senior year with a record of 15-2.



Sophomore Carolyn Healy gets ready to return the ball. She played Number One and Two singles.

Junior Dana Navarro reaches out to return one during practice. Navarro played Number One and Two jr singles.



Front: Kelly Gall, Lindsey Friend, Jodi Haack. 2nd Row: Sarah Miller, Dana Navarro, Kristina Pikus, Jaime Korzeniewski, Nancy Jamison. Back Row:

Tim Maluga, Valerie Roper, Nikki Williams, Beth Moroson, Kelli Steiber, Carolyn Healy, Keela Gootie.

There's a First Time For Everything

The 1992-93 Fall, Winter and Spring sports seasons were one of the most -- if not the most -- successful for sports in GHS history. Three teams and one individual accomplished what no other team or person had done before them.

In the Fall, the varsity football team achieved a Number One ranking in Class 3A in Indiana. The only other team to even come close to this honor was the 1991-92 team who received a Number Two ranking. The entire community seemed to share in this football accomplishment.

Along with the football team, the girls volleyball team came up with a first

of their own. For the first time since its existence, the girls won their Griffith Invitational. This was a special win for the team and its coaches considering it was Coach Don Whittemore's last year to work with the girls.

Moving on to Winter sports, one athlete rose to a personal challenge and set a new plateau for athletes who follow him.

Senior wrestler Marcello Garcia made it to state competition and took 5th place. He wasn't the first GHS wrestler to qualify for State; Scott Blount also competed in State in 1979. However, Garcia was the first GHS wrestler to place in state

competition.

In the Spring, the girls tennis team set a few team firsts.

They made up the first girls tennis team to ever win a sectional title.

And for the first time, the girls had more than one person make the All-Conference team. In fact, there were four: Lindsey Friend, Kelley Gall, Jodi Haack and Sara Miller.

And to cap of a successful season, two girls on the team -- Lindsey Friend and Sara Miller -- were the first to win there individual Sectionals.

-Nate Miklusak
Matt Fech



The Lady Panthers volleyball team proved that when they worked together, there was nothing they couldn't do. The team claimed its first Griffith Invitational Title. This win was especially exciting for Coach Don Whittemore who intended to retire from coaching the girls ter the 1992-93 season. The team credited its outstanding group of seniors and cast of exceptional juniors for its success.

After their first Sectional victory, the tennis team proudly poses for some photos. The team lost the regional match, but the First Doubles team of senior Lindsey Friend and freshman Sarah Miller went on to the regional final. Miller will probably play singles next year since she's losing her partner.





The girls tennis team prepares for team and individual pictures. Most members ordered both types of photographs. It



was this kind of dedication and enthusiasm that drove the Lady Panthers to the school's first Sectional title.

The Number One ranked football team gets hyped before a home game. The Panthers overcame tremendous odds to have a spectacular season for the coaches and players alike.

Senior wrestler Marcello Garcia poses for a picture with his fifth place medal which he won State competition. Garcia was the first Panther to place in the State wrestling finals.



Put it IN WRITING

Learning

will program our computers and provide us with health and legal services; they drive Porsches and shop at Tiffany's.

Just being in a GHS classroom could be a unique experience. For those who had their classes, what teacher could compare to the energy of Mrs. Sandy Beahm and the excitement of Mr. Ron Divjak. There wasn't a teacher in the world except Mr. Bob Hastings who guillotined a Barbie doll for a history illustration.

Along with colorful teachers, there were colorful courses. Namely, we experienced Preparation for Adult Living for students who want to learn how to survive after high school. For the computer buffs, there was a wide range of computer classes. And, for the hidden artist, there were a lot of art classes. If learning how to apply for a job was in mind, Career Preparation was the class to take.

With so many courses and so many exciting teachers, GHS students should have been able to find academic success; you could put that in writing ●

was the essence of school. Getting good grades could determine future success.

Students who learned this early were often called nerds or brains, but they were also the people who



Academic Competition:

These Guys Ain't No Dummies.

In the long-running show "Family Ties," Alex Keaton (Michael J. Fox) froze during his school's televised academic competition. While no GHS student to date has lost his ability to speak in academic competition, many have faced extreme pressure.

"I remember when Nick Hawkins, who was wearing suspenders, had his tie loosened, and his shoes off showing his argyle socks stood on top of a table ranting and raving because he couldn't solve a problem," said junior Laura Grasch.

There were many different types of academic competitions during the school year. One of the more famous competitions was

Hoosier Spell Bowl. In Spell Bowl, students were given a book of word spellings to memorize. Then, each per-

tude, Mathematics and Science) hosted by Junior Engineering Technical Society, or JETS, involved quite a

"JETS wasn't anything we were prepared for."

-Louis Belcher, junior-

son received 10 words to spell correctly within 15 seconds.

"I thought Spell Bowl was pretty easy; obviously, everyone else on the team did too because we placed first in the local competition," said senior Kevin Daugherty.

The national academic competitions, like TEAMS (Test of Engineering Apti-

few GHS competitors. TEAMS really challenged students, according to sophomore Louis Belcher.

"JETS wasn't anything we were prepared for; all the studying we did seemed to be pretty much worthless. But even though we weren't prepared, we still managed to do okay," said Belcher.

Academic Super Bowl, a

competition involving math, science, English, art, music and social studies, also allowed students to compete for academic awards under pressure.

With all the different types of academic challenges, it is safe to say that there was something for everyone.

But having so many competitions did have its drawbacks.

"The problem with some of the academic competitions is that they're all clumped together. So, some students miss out on some great competitions because they conflict with larger ones like JETS," said Mrs. Barbara Deleget, math.

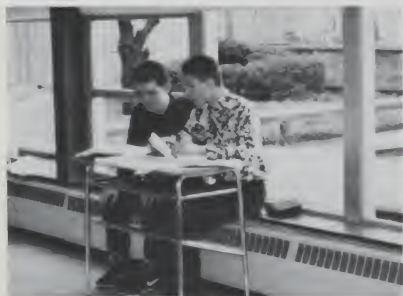
-Joe Dangelo

Quick Quiz

Sophomores Fred Rouscher and Lewis Belcher review before JETS competition. Students who competed in JETS had to either study on their own or at Coach Howard Besch's house.

Measuring Up

Senior Matt Rubacha weighs his solution for an experiment. Rubacha was a member of the academic team which placed first in chemistry at Valparaiso University during first semester.





The Team Effort

The Spell Bowl team finished first in local competition. Most of the members had been on the team for more than one year, giving them a slight advantage over other less experienced teams.

He Said She Said

"I really learned a lot from competition, it's definitely something I'd do again,"

Laura Grasch, junior

"There is nothing that is comparable to the type of pressure you get from competition,"

Kevin Daugherty, senior

A Long Road to Victory

Junior Laura Nichols prepares for competition. Students who competed in Spell Bowl began studying as early as three months before competition.





Bio Blocks?

Mrs. Sandra Beahm demonstrates the building blocks of organics. Biology 2 introduced students to the anatomy of the worm, blood circulation and DNA models.

An Inside Look

Junior Neil Irvin eyes the inside of his pig in Biology. Many students actually named their pigs before cutting into them.

What Did I Miss?

Sophomore Mandy Legler and other biology students receive instructions for work they missed while absent.



Dissection:

Students Cut Away at the Problem

A moment of silence fell. The sharp blade was in hand. Suddenly, a quick slice pierced the throat and continued down through the abdomen.

No, it wasn't a cult sacrifice in the middle of the high school; it was the Biology 3-4 pig dissection. And from what was witnessed, most students didn't mind it.

To some students, humorous moments perked up the gruesome task. Saying "oink, oink, oink," in the middle of cutting open the pig and giving their pigs (or worms in Biology 1-2) colorful names, like "Herman," "Spoojie," or "Circe" added to the delightment of piercing animal flesh.

To most students, how-

ever, there were some aspects of the project that they just didn't like or were beginning to annoy them by

"The smell of Carosafe is awful. I think it smells like dead people."

-Heather Devitt, senior-

the end of the semester.

"The smell of the Carosafe (the chemical used to preserve the specimen) is awful. I think it smells like dead people," said senior Heather Devitt.

The novelty of holding a scapula wore thin after a few weeks, according to one student.

"At first I didn't mind dissecting, but now I am

starting to get sick of it," said senior Alan Sutkowski. "I also don't like the fact that I have to cut its scro-

tum."

There were some other parts of the project that students thought were definite disadvantages to dissecting. One was that they had to actually touch the different pig and worm organs. Another was that dead pigs and worms often wound up on the dinner table -- not as a main dish but as homework. Despite strange

smells and disgusting internal organs, most students indicated that dissecting was an excellent learning experience.

"I think that dissecting was easier than using a diagram because actually seeing the real thing helped me understand it," said junior Jo Nahod.

As in most schools, some controversy shadowed dissection in the science department. A small number of students insisted that cutting up a dead animal was morally wrong.

"I don't think that in this day and age we can't get the full effect of dissecting in another way, like through detailed diagrams and computers," said junior Keela Gootee.

-Joe Dangelo



He Said She Said

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Making Corrections

Keyboarding assignments must be perfect copies of the textbook, otherwise points are lost. Junior Jeff McFarland corrects the errors on his assignment in Mr. Dick Koval's class.



Blow-off Classes They're Not What You Think

A student glances down at his new schedule. His first two hours are hard, consisting of calculus and physics. However, third hour he has basket weaving.

Although this class doesn't really exist, he isn't alone in his idea.

When the time comes to schedule, a lot of GHS students try to take it easy for an hour or two a day. They try to do this by taking an "easy" class, thinking that they'll earn at least a C for

showing up. Students who take seemingly "blow-off" classes may be in for a rude

"I thought it was going to be easy."

-Carrie Heusing, senior-

awakening.

"I thought it (Adult Prep) was just going to be a class that all I had to do was participate in class. I ended up having a lot of homework," said senior Theresa Ewen.

A popular idea among students is taking a com-

puter class to play video games. This can also prove to be a bad idea.

"I thought we would just mess around and I could get an easy grade. Although it (computer literacy) isn't too hard, I have to do my work and study for quizzes," said senior Jodi Haack.

Not all classes deemed "blow-off" classes are without worth. Some, though they may not require much effort, can help to prepare for a career after high school. Something to keep in mind when scheduling.





Jordan Rules

Art class assignments require skill to accomplish correctly. Sophomore Brian Robles puts the finishing touches on his pencil drawing of Michael Jordan for Mr. Bill Rick's art class.



He Said She Said

"I like that we have easy classes because it lets you take it easy for an hour."
Mike Augustine, senior

"I thought it (Adult Prep) was just going to be a class that all I had to do was participate in class. I ended up having a lot of homework."
Theresa Ewen, senior



Real Life

In Mrs. Marge Keithley's preparation for Adult Living class, Earl Tucker, a suicide survivor, was invited to talk to students. He focused on why students should face their problems rather than trying to escape them in the wrong way.

Electrifying Coursework

Jeff Farmer, sophomore, cuts a piece of wood in electricity class. Shop classes cover a wide range of projects. "It (cutting wood) is kind of hard, but I think that it is fun," said Farmer.

Stress:

On the Verge of Catastrophe

Between classes, a dramatic change can happen in a student's expressions. For example, a student can look as if he's just left a class that watched Pinocchio and two hours later look like he just sat through a three-hour seminar on nuclear engineering.

This look can result from stress, prompted by a teacher or a class.

Some students suffered from stress after overstepping their limits; like taking calculus, physics and advanced biology at the same time. Harder classes required student dedication and often brought on stress, especially after Spring Break when some

students got lazy and decided not to do homework. Higher math and science

"We keep getting more and more homework."

-Luke Dalach, junior-

classes seemed to top the list when it came to piling on the homework and giving some students stress.

"Trying to do hours of homework when I don't have a lot of time gives me a lot of stress," said sophomore Nick Hawkins.

Trigonometry and analytical geometry are two semester classes that require

advanced math knowledge and, of course, homework.

"We keep getting more and more homework, and if you don't get it done right away, it just starts piling up," said junior Luke Dalach.

Sometimes, classes weren't the reason students got the urge to rip out their (or another person's) hair. Teachers, especially when a personality conflict existed, could make a student (and a teacher) dread one specific hour.

"My journalism teacher used to give me a lot of stress," said senior Ilija Matowski. "When I argued back at her, she would either yell or kick me out. I didn't like that very much."

-Joe Dangelo



Takin' Notes

While reading about Alexander Pope, senior Bryan Dominguez decides to jot down some notes so that he can study later for his test in Mrs. Sharon Smith's English class.



Checking it Twice

In order to do well on his homework, junior Dan Bartnicki rechecks his worksheet with his history notes.



Gotta Get It Right

Sophomore Chris Kagel measures the chemicals needed for his "unknowns" experiment. This step was important because using the wrong amount of a chemical could ruin the experiment.



Sew Perfect

Senior Katie Gulotta stitches a jacket for Mrs. Marge Keithley's sewing class. Precise sewing techniques were necessary to avoid ruining projects.

He Said She Said

"I relieve my stress by trying to laugh at anything dumb my teachers do"

-Nick Hawkins

"I get a lot of stress from studying for tests."

-Renee Grubs

Step By Step

Taking notes, junior Lauren Darnel writes down the steps to prepare for a lab assignment in her chemistry class. Students had to follow procedures very carefully to avoid disastrous errors.

Wow! What a Teacher GHS Teachers Stand Out.

If you've had Mrs. Sharon Smith's English class, maybe you have seen "Where There's a Will, There's an A." The video states that every student should take a class that has a good teacher. That wouldn't be difficult at GHS. But what about finding a class with a unique teacher? They're here, too; just look in the right places. Take health, for instance. Everybody has to take it. But has everybody had Mr. Ron Divjak? Along with health, Mr. Divjak also teaches Substance Abuse and coaches the varsity basketball team.

"I put my coaching into my teaching and my teaching into my coaching," he

said. "I try to fire up my students like my players. If they get a positive attitude

explained.

Every student needs two years of science to gradu-

"My class is a hands-on course."

-Sandra Beahm, science

about learning, they'll do better."

In his Substance Abuse class, Mr. Divjak relies on class discussion rather than notes or tests. For some students, this works especially well. To Mr. Divjak, however, class discussion is just as important -- if not more important.

"I believe that students can teach better than teachers because they learn a lot from the real life experiences of other students," he

ate. One of the best ways to get through a class like biology is to have Mrs. Sandra Beahm as a teacher.

"I try to meet the needs of the students with my teaching," she said.

Mrs. Beahm uses a "multi-media" form of teaching.

"I use a lot of different methods of teaching to help the students learn, like projects such as 'The Human Heart' and labs like dissecting a worm," she

explained.

"My class is a hands-on course. I give my students a lot of feed back and give their tests and quizzes back to them as soon as possible. That way they can learn from their mistakes while the material is fresh in the minds," she said.

Students who want a teacher to break up the monotony of history might look to Mr. Bob Hastings' class.

"I'd like to think my class is a little humorous. I also use a lot of visual aids and history games, like 'historical fish,'" he explained.

All teachers serve an important purpose in our lives. But these represent select few who strengthen the idea that teaching is a noble profession.

He Said She Said

"I like Mr. Divjak. He really cares about his students."

Tina Walker, senior

"Mr. Hastings is cool. He really keeps the class interested."

Nate Guy, junior





Home Row

In Mr. Dick Koval's room, senior Shannon Bopp warms up on her keyboard. Doing finger exercises is important in typing to loosen up fingers.



Working Toward an A

Junior Brian Rodell takes notes in his health class. Rodell's notetaking skills paid off when he earned an A on his health test.



Fire Up

Mr. Ron Divjak always tries to fire up his students to help them learn better. Here, Mr. Divjak gives notes to his health class while absent from Mrs. Sandra Beahm's biology class.

Blue Slip or Pink Slip

Sophomore Mandy Legler and junior Lisa Smith catch up on the work they missed while absent from Mrs. Sandra Beahm's biology class.



Final Stretch

Mr. Bob Hastings, history, goes over one of his tests. Mr. Hastings reviews all of his tests so students can see their mistakes and avoid them on the final exam.

Advanced Math

While trying to maintain her B average in Mrs. Barbara Deleget's Trigonometry class, junior Natalie Pastar works on her homework.

He Said She Said

"I didn't understand Macbeth until I went out and bought some Cliff Notes."

Matt Rubacha, senior

"I sometimes recommend that students read Cliff Notes for chapter summaries."

Mrs. Sharon Smith



Simply Satire


Senior Scott Mauch quickly reads his assignment on 18th Century satirists in Mrs. Sharon Smith's English class. Students learned about the background of writers and the literature.

Act I, Scene II

While trying to understand the play "Macbeth," senior Sarah Furman reads the Cliff Notes summary of the act she just finished. To many students, Cliff Notes made the plays easier.



Cliff Notes: Macbeth Made Easy.



A student opens his American Literature book and glances down at his assignment.

He thinks to himself, "I thought this was English."

Many students couldn't relate to the terms of 16th to 18th Century English poetry and plays.

When the footnotes ceased to help students understand, they often turned to those little yellow books known as Cliff Notes.

"I didn't understand Macbeth until I went out and bought some Cliff Notes," said senior Matt Rubacha.

Although Cliff Notes gave students an advantage on understanding what was going on in the play, many students didn't regard them as a form of cheating.

"I don't think using Cliff Notes is a form of cheating because how else are you supposed to understand what's going on. A teacher isn't always around to ex-

plain it," said senior Mark Austgen.

"Macbeth was rough."

-Tony McCabe, senior-

Teachers generally didn't think that Cliff Notes were a form of cheating. In fact, English teacher Mrs. Sharon Smith sometimes recommended them.

"I sometimes recommend that students read Cliff Notes for chapter summaries," said Mrs. Smith.

Cliff notes should not, however, have been used in place of reading the play. One reason for this was that some teachers included questions on their tests that weren't in the Cliff Notes.

"I always used Cliff Notes to put together my tests," said Mrs. Denise Newton, English. "I try to find at least one essay question to ask that isn't covered in Cliff

Notes. Cliff Notes can be good study tools, but too many students don't read the real novels and rely on Cliff Note summaries."

Another good reason is that students miss out on reading timeless phrases, such as "To be or not to be" and "It is a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing."

Memorizing phrases like these, and knowing where they come from, gave the impression to others that an intellectual was afoot.

"Students need to realize that although Cliff Notes may be a good study guide, they are not a substitute for the work itself," said Mrs. Smith.

So, if understanding an 18th century play seemed impossible, Cliff Notes might have been the answer. Used wisely, students got the information they needed while being exposed to the true literary piece.

-Joe Dangelo

Once Upon a Time

Junior Holly Huddleston writes a fable for Mrs. Susan Patrick's class. Besides writing stories, Mrs. Patrick also had her students do vocabulary work sheets, write compositions, and complete research papers on a list of topics.

Historical Perspective

Mrs. Judy Surovek lectures her class on slave narratives. Mrs. Surovek always covered the history of literature as well as the literature itself.



Cadet Teaching:

From Student to Teacher and Back Again.

A commercial for high school graduates about teaching said that teaching

was a rewarding career.

At GHS, some students got a taste of that reward without

having a degree (or a salary); it was called cadet teaching.

"I remember when I worked with a kid who had a learning disability. Every day I helped him do his work, and it was really cool to see him do better as the weeks went on," said senior Paul Gilbertson.

Cadet teaching was a hands-on class; instead of a

student having a teacher, the student became the teacher.

Students went to grade

"On April Fools Day, they played practical jokes. They put ants on my desk and cracker crumbs in my tea."

-Amy Bishop, senior-

schools and helped the elementary students. They were given the responsibilities that teachers are exposed to every day.

Like most teachers, cadet teachers have special memories of their students.

"When I taught the 3rd grade at Franklin, on April Fool's Day they played practical jokes on me. They put fake ants on my desk,

wrote me a note saying cheerleading and softball practice had been cancelled, and put cracker crumbs in

my tea," said senior Amy Bishop. "Mrs. Schilling (the third grade teacher) and I got them back by giving them this

fake test that was really hard; everyone, even the smart kids, got an F. We let them know it was a joke when they started to cry."

Students who wanted to be cadet teachers chose what grade and where they wanted to teach.

"I regret not cadet teaching a whole year; I kind of miss it," said Gilbertson.

-Joe Dangelo

He Said She Said

"I've thought about being a teacher my whole life, and now I want to be one even more."

Paul Gilbertson, senior

"Cadet Teaching has helped me realize how much I want to be a teacher."

Amy Bishop, senior





What A Feeling

Senior Betsy Gard works with TeNita Jamison at Ready Elementary School. "It gives me a great feeling of accomplishment to see them do well," said Gard.

Personal Touch

Senior Rebecca Schoon cadet taught 6th grade students at Berriger. Here, Schoon is helping one of her students on a social studies test.

Read to me

Third grader Mikki Love gets help from senior Amy Bishop on her SRAs. Besides helping students with their work, Bishop also read novels to the students as they tried to follow along.





Time Management

Senior LoraLee Kilgore, currently ranked 8th, always tried to get her homework done in class so that she didn't have to worry about fitting it in with Pantherettes.

The Challenger

Junior Natalie Pastar, in the top 10 percent with a 3.54 grade point average, took as many advanced classes as she could. Pastar said that Bio 3-4 was a very challenging class.

She's Number 1!

Ranked Number One in her class, senior Jenny Huss had an approximate 4.0 grade point average.

He Said She Said

"My goal is to be in the top 10 of my class by the time I graduate."

Luke Dalach, junior

"I don't think it's fair to have a class weighted the same if some of them are advanced."

Tina Walker, senior



Top 10%:

The Select Few That Strive for the Best

In the movie "The Breakfast Club," Anthony Michael Hall thought about shooting himself (with a flare gun) because he got an F on an elephant lamp in shop. He didn't think he could handle a B for the semester. Most GHS students didn't want to shoot themselves over a B, but for the top 10 percent in the class, scoring high in all classes was important.

Students who performed well academically often felt pressure from themselves and from other students.

"Some kids look up to you because they think that you're smart, and you can get pressure from that

because you feel you have to do well," said Tina

dent worked just as hard in the advanced class to

percent competed for higher class ranking.

"My goal is to be in the top 10 of my class by the time I graduate," said Luke Dalach, junior.

There are some students who didn't like being in advanced classes.

"Sometimes I would rather be in regular classes so that I don't have as much pressure," said Walker.

Almost all of the students in the top 10 percent plan on going to college, and some plan on going to graduate school.

"I plan on going to college for a total of eight years because I want to get a double major in law," said Cole.

- Joe Dangelo

"I don't think any of my classes are hard."

-Nick Hawkins, sophomore-

Walker, senior.

Many students who took advanced classes said they should receive "weighted" grades. For example, if a sophomore took advanced Biology and got a B, it would have counted as a B+ or even an A under a weighted grading system. But a senior who took a regular English class and got a B would have only a B. The major opposition to this was that the smart stu-

earn an A, as a basic student did in his basic class to earn his A.

"I don't think it's fair to have a class weighted the same if some of them are advanced," said Walker.

Advanced students sometimes felt that most or even all of their classes were easy.

"I don't think any of my classes are hard," said sophomore Nick Hawkins.

Almost all of the top 10

Salutitorian

Senior Melissa Busovsky, ranked Number 2 (a position she obtained during the third nine weeks).





Finishing off his spray-painted wall mural, senior John Hilgeman balanced atop the scaffolding. Hilgeman created several other murals in the area.

He Said She Said

"I realized my skills in the 9th grade so it is relatively new to me."

John Hilgeman, senior

"Art should be an elective because if people aren't interested, they be forced to take the class."

Kasey Biscan, sophomore

Art: Picasso or Pitrasho?

Pasting a photograph of ex-president George Bush on a sculpture, a senior finishes off his project.

A junior caps his spray paint after legally decorating the school wall.

And, a sophomore turns his ceramic vase a little to the left to enhance the light falling on it in the showcase.

Independence and creativity were words to describe the art department.

The instructors, Mr. Charles Ricks and Mr. Robert Whitt, allowed students to choose classroom projects that interested them.

"We mostly worked independently and at our own pace, which really helped

because we weren't trused to get something done," said senior Bill Arevalo, who took ceramics class.

Budding artists were given a variety of classes to

Students learned advanced techniques as well as the background of artistic devices before diving into their projects.

"Mr. Whitt really taught

"Everyone needs a little culture"

-Rob Weldon, senior-

choose from, such as art appreciation, ceramics, drawing, jewelry, painting and printmaking.

Senior John Hilgeman said, "Drawing and painting were my favorite classes. I'm into different areas in art, but this class really interested me."

me how to express my ideas. I didn't know how to do that before this class," said senior Phil Isaily.

Many art students had fun in the art classes as well as learned skills they intended to use later. Some simply gained an appreciation for art itself.

Senior Rob Weldon was famous for his bizarre sculptures.

"I had the most fun with my sculpture. I worked hard, and it took three weeks," Weldon said.

Some art students said the arts should be mandatory for graduation.

Weldon said, "Art classes should be mandatory because everyone needs a little culture."

Others disagree and argued that nothing should be forced on students.

"No one should take anything they don't want, but people will take the classes anyway because they are fun," said Arevalo.

-Matt Fech



"Air Riese"

Airbrushing his latest artwork, sophomore Aaron Riese details his pottery. Riese received a superior rating by the Northern Indiana Arts Association.

Best of Show

At the annual GHS art show held in the library, junior Steve Blackard sets up one of his many projects. Blackard won the "Outstanding Art" award.



Art with a Twist

Famous for his bizarre creations, senior Rob Weldon puts the finishing touches on a project that was displayed in the library.

Cheating: Tap Once For "A"; Twice For "B".

He Said / She Said

The bell rings. Astudent rushes into the classroom and just slips by a tardy. When he gets himself together and has a moment to look around, he sees everyone reviewing their notes. Oh no, he forgot about the test.

Quickly, he rips off a small piece of paper from his notebook and begins to write key words, hopefully answers, on it. As the teacher begins giving test instructions and students clear their desks for the exam, he places the piece of paper between his legs so he can see the answers.

This is just one of the methods students used to cheat on tests. And, cheat-

who will probably be watched much more carefully for his remaining two

"I wrote the formulas on a cheat sheet and looked off it during the test."

-Rich Laskowski, junior-

years of high school, agreed that cheating became second-nature during his first year of high school.

"I make cheat sheets all the time, and the teachers never catch me," boasted Farmer. Some students claimed that cheating became more popular as students got older.

"I was taking a final in math class, and a student who I have never talked to in my life started looking of my answersheet. He prob-

ably did it because we had a sub that day," recalled junior Luke Dalach.

Some students, however,

applied themselves to their classes and couldn't justify cheating.

"There is no need to cheat. Most teachers give you a couple of days notice before the test," said junior Benny Dela Rosa.

-Gavin Reymore

"Everybody has cheated at one time or another. There have been times where I have forgotten to do my homework and copied off a friend."

-Jacob Gettig, junior-

"I cheat every once in a while, but not to the point where I am not learning."

-Gretchen Gasper, senior-



Being Inconspicuous

Junior Rich Laskowski shows how to unravel a "cheat sheet." Laskowski said he preferred cheat sheets because they were less noticeable than looking off a neighbor's paper.

Cheating for Convenience

"I sometimes cheat on assignments, especially when they're really long. But, I never cheat on tests because they're too important to your grade," said sophomore Mike Ramsey.



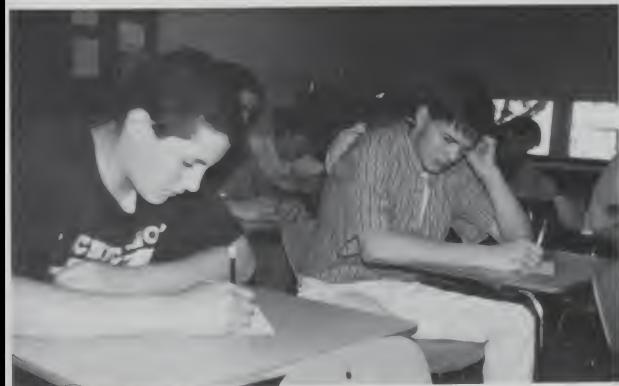


The Cheat Sheet

Benny Dela Rosa, junior, watches as his teacher stands up and walks his way. "If the teacher walks up, most students just put cheat sheets in their mouths and swallow it," he said.

Cheating in Pairs

"I always find someone else to cheat with," said junior Jeff Farmer, while illustrating how to look off a classmate's paper in math class.



Math:

Some People Work It Like A Calculator, Some People Use One

If standing in front of a math class while being invisible were possible, a noticeable difference between students' expressions could be seen.

On one side, a classmate, on problem say...35, has this sheepish grin on his face because he knows exactly what is going on.

Next to him is a student of a different nature. This student, who is ripping his hair out while making ample use of his eraser, is on problem 3.

This situation, although this one happens to be just an example, does exist in math classes everywhere, even at GHS.

To some students, math can be the most difficult subject to master. One of

the reasons for this is that math subjects build on each other. For example, not being able to master 8th grade math means not being able to do well in algebra, which means barely passing (or failing) trigonometry, which means being completely lost in calculus.

"This is my second time around for Algebra 2," said senior Dan Pastar.

He added that it (math) is hard because "if you don't pay attention, you won't understand what is going on, and you'll fall behind."

Math involves work outside the classroom.

"It (trigonometry) was really hard. Plus, our teacher gave us a lot of

homework that I really didn't want to do," said senior Mike Augustine.

Despite what some students think, math isn't an impossible subject, and they can do well in it. A lot of students do.

"I usually understand my math homework so it really doesn't take me long," said senior Chris Wilcox.

Whether math is difficult for a student to take or not, one fact remains true: GHS students are required to take at least two years of math. However, most students take more than two years.

"I took math every year so that I could get into a good college," said Augustine.

-Joe Dangelo

He Said She Said

"I usually understand my math homework so it really doesn't take me long."
Chris Wilcox, senior

"I felt that I was extremely neglected in my trig class because I didn't brownose the teacher. I had always gotten A's but I managed to flunk trig."
Dawn Pfeiffer, senior

Sophomore Amber Evans takes graphing notes in Mr. Daryl Cartenson's Algebra 2 class. Aside from teaching, Mr. Cartenson coaches girls basketball and eighth grade football.



Computer programming requires knowledge of math from other classes. Senior Ryan Rettig used these skills to write programs and solve assigned problems.



Senior Joe Gonzalez and sophomore Joey Hansen work together on math homework. Although Mrs. Teresa Cartstensen assigned homework daily, she gave students time to complete their work.

Facing hyperbole homework, junior Scott Chevron focuses on the graph examples on the blackboard. Chevron also tackled the Quadratic formula, irrational numbers, and square roots during the year.



History Classes:

Some Are Condemned to Relive Them,
Others to Re-Take Them.

Those who do not study the past are condemned to re-live it," poet George Santayana.

"Those who do not study for history class are condemned to re-take it," senior Joe Dangelo.

History class—the one class that had something for everyone. Almost everybody had a favorite time in history; whether it was medieval England, the Roman Empire, the Roaring Twenties, or 1969 (the year Led Zeppelin released their first album).

"My favorite part of history class is WWII because I like to learn about Hitler," said senior Adam Eisensee.

History had a wide vari-

ety of heroes and villains that people read about over and over again. Students interested in one person or

our country's history," said Eisensee. "I always have trouble learning about things that I don't like."

"My favorite part of history is WWII because I like to learn about Hitler."

-Adam Eisensee, senior-

event helped them do better on tests.

In contrast, there were points in history that students didn't like. These varied from certain events to certain people to certain historic time periods. Because of this lack of interest, students didn't do as well.

"I didn't like reading about the Depression because it was a low point in

for entertainment, whether it came from liking a particular subject or particular historical figure.

There were other classes that dealt with history but were disguised by clever aliases.

Current Events dealt with history in the making. Important topics from the news were discussed in class, such as the Gary train crash and the election of

President Clinton.

English Survey (yes, English) dealt not only with early literature but the history behind it. The backgrounds of each of the authors were discussed, ranging from their love lives to their eating habits!

Government was another history class; but it dealt with the history of our government and how it worked.

"I'm really interested in the way our government works. I learned a lot of things in government class that I didn't know before," said senior Paul Gilbertson.

History class, with all its different types, was one subject that had many different faces.

-Joe Dangelo

Time Out!

Mr. Bob Hastings gives his U.S. History class a time-out. Hastings also gave time-outs to his boys' JV basketball team.





He Said She Said

"I don't think history is a very important subject"
Mark Austgen, senior

"Richard Nixon is one of my favorites because I like to make fun of him."
Jacki Kuss, junior

No Cheating

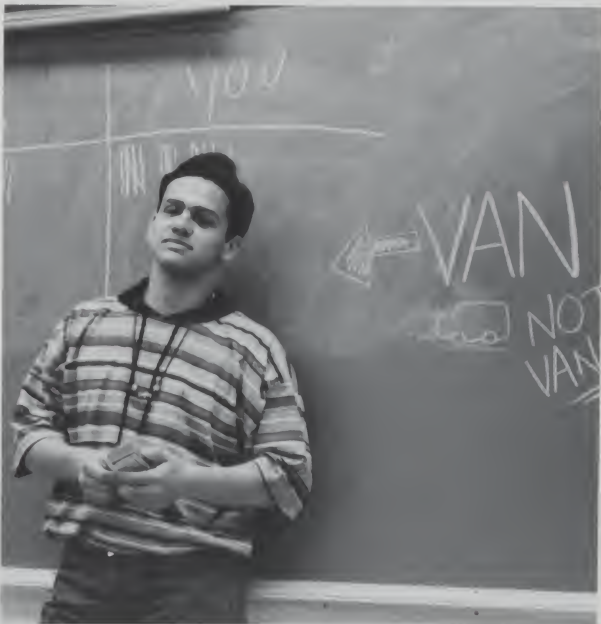
"The Tenth Amendment!" said senior Kyle Toweson. History students as well as government students played the Review Game in preparation for tests.

Can I Buy a Vowel?

Senior Joe Gonzalez plays "Vanna White" while keeping score for a review game in Mr. Jim Pickett's class. Students took turns playing Vanna.

14 Down

Junior Nikki Manno works on a crossword puzzle for Mr. Bob Hastings. Hastings also created History Fish to help his students review.



¿Por Que? / Pourquoi:

Je suis bien. Estoy bien. These common phrases echoed throughout French and Spanish classes daily. Beyond simply learning vocabulary, foreign language students encountered foreign cultures.

And, both languages received a boost from Indiana University's College of Arts and Sciences this year.

"I will be requiring two years of foreign language from 1994 entering freshmen," said Mr. Ray Weaver, Spanish. "Those freshmen will have to take a foreign language entrance exam and pass it or take two years of college foreign language without credit."

Similar college prerequisites placed many students

in foreign language classes.

"I started taking French because the college I want

**"We had
a fiesta
in the
courtyard."**

*-Michelle Wayo,
junior--*

to go to requires it, but now I really like it," said junior Robert Clark.

Even the media center joined the foreign language craze. A news bureau was installed which offered daily news in both English and original languages.

Foreign languages provided a change from the monotony of other classes.

"Why" Ask "Why?"

"My favorite part of French is when we watched movies like the French version of 'ET,'" said junior Michele Lubrant.

Others enjoyed taste-testing.

"I liked it when everyone brought in a dish of Mexican or Spanish food, and we had a fiesta," said junior Michelle Wayo.

French didn't offer projects like pinatas but did offer a field trip to Paris.

"Miss Weber makes French class worthwhile. She always asks the class if there is anything important to say or talk about, and if a student brings up a good topic, she'll discuss it with the whole class," said junior Joe Potesta.

-Chad Sutton

French in the 90's

In Miss Betty Weber's French class, students are exposed to different types of drills. Here, students work on a class computer assignment that Miss Weber controls from her computer.

He Said She Said

"Every Friday in the last half of class Miss Weber passes out thought papers. We can write about whatever is on our minds and she'll discuss them."

Jeff Messmer, sophomore

"I like it when we watch movies in Spanish. It makes me feel cool when I understand what they're saying if they're not speaking English."

Michelle Zukauskus, sophomore

Repeat After Me

Miss Betty Weber and her student teacher Mrs. Catherine Viecek, from Purdue Calumet, go over vocabulary drills with her French 1 class.

I Need Help

Sophomore Tony Mendez asks Mr. Ray Weaver about a question on a test. Mr. Weaver only answers questions about directions, not words, to avoid giving answers away.

Making the Grade

Senior Dan Florez, who would later receive an A, takes a test in Spanish class. Mr. Weaver usually gives tests to his students every 1 1/2 weeks.





Simply ORGANIZED

The

clubs -- if you wanted to be involved in the school, you needed to join an organization. They were at the heart of high school. From the Honor Society to the Bowling club to Pantherettes, there were more students involved in organizations than sports in the high school.

Clubs made school more than a learning experience; they made it fun. Organization classes, like band, choir and Pantherettes, provided students with courses that broke up an academic day.

Organizations had a place for everybody. Students could join award clubs for earning varsity letters, clubs to help with school and community events, and clubs for people who share common hobbies.

Organizations made the high school world go around. Where would we have been without DECA cookies? Who would decide what to wear during Spirit Week if we didn't have Student Council? Groups like these along with class council, band, choir, and booster club helped our school work. . . they put it all together and kept us simply organized ●



Reflector:

"Controllin' Stress, Doin' Layouts, and Workin' Hard."

"The reason why I joined yearbook staff was because I thought it would be an easy class, but it turned out to be a real challenge," said senior Joe Dangelo, a first-time editor.

That same feeling hit many staff members, even photographers, when they realized the deadlines and pressures that accompanied being on the yearbook staff, especially near the end of the year.

"When I joined the yearbook staff as a photo coordinator, I figured I would just be taking some pictures and developing them, but toward the end of the year, I had to start writing stories and doing layouts. It's tough work," said junior Gavin Reyome.

According to sophomore Mike Ramsey, yearbook may have been a lot of work, but in 20 years when

he shows his kids what he accomplished, he'll be really proud.

But along with stressful deadlines and computers that had a tendency to simply stop suddenly due to a virus comes fun. Students attended summer camps, Journalism Day at Ball State University, the IHSPA Convention at Franklin College (where junior Dana Navarro was elected student state president), and lots of pizza.

"At first, I was just going to go to J-day so I could get out of school for the day, but now I'm glad I went because I've learned some pretty useful skills," said junior and album editor Dana Navarro.

J-Day also presented opportunities for students to compete for scholarships. Senior and editor-in-chief Jackie Acosta earned one of

only four scholarships to attend BSU in the Fall.

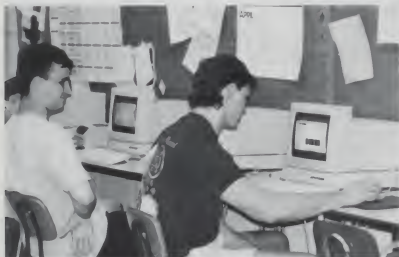
"This year, I won the minority achievement scholarship which is worth \$1,000 each year if I keep my grades up and don't change my major," explained Acosta.

The yearbook itself experienced a dramatic makeover for 1992-93. The staff added five pages of color and worked on improving design.

"Jackie brought some ideas into the classroom that amazed me. It will be interesting to see how the students respond to the book in August," said Mrs. Denise Newton, adviser.

-Chad Sutton

Seniors Nate Miklusak, Jim Dwyer, and junior Dana Navarro chow down on some pepperoni pizza from Pizza Hut before tackling the yearbook's first deadline. The staff had to stay after school on exam day to complete it.



Tackling his varsity club/executive council yearbook spread, senior and sports editor Nate Miklusak fights with the com-

puter. Because the staff consisted of only 13 members, editors helped each other complete pages, write stories and crop photographs.



Senior and assistant sports editor, Matt Fech entertains senior LeeAnn Riese's baby during production time. Riese assisted the advertising managers with ad-

design and sales. Although she had a job after school, she dropped in to help the Reflector staff on deadline a few times during the year.



Celebrating the Christmas holiday, senior Jackie Acosta and new staff members, sophomore Kim Stanford and junior Chad Sutton, open their "White Elephant" gifts. Each member of the Panther Press and Reflector was supposed to giftwrap something useless from home and bring it for a gift exchange.



The advertising manager, junior Diane Schoeffel, and assistant advertising manager, sophomore Shauna Poirier, plan the senior personal ad pages. The Reflector sold senior personal ads for \$5 each and included an opportunity for parents to send photographs for the ads. Poirier said that many students would be surprised to see their baby pictures in their 1992-93 yearbooks.



Editor-in-chief Jackie Acosta, senior, and album editor Dana Navarro, junior, look through the 1991-92 yearbook to see which teachers did not have new photographs taken for the book. Navarro's job, to organize all album photos, took roughly 10 hours per grade, not including the stories she wrote and pages she designed.



Front: Kim Stanford, Diane Schoeffel, Shauna Poirier, Jackie Acosta, Dana Navarro, Katie Green. Back Row: Gavin

Reyome, Joe Dangelo, Nate Miklusak, Jim Dwyer, Matt Felt, Chad Sutton, Mike Ramsey.

Varsity Club/Class Council.

"Arguin', Decidin', and Organizin'."

What do most people want in life? They want to belong and they want to be heard.

The varsity club and class council gave students a chance to do just that. They were the voices of the student body. They were the people who got up early in the morning during Homecoming, Turnabout, and Prom week. Why? Just to make sure things ran smoothly.

"I like having a voice in decisions about our class," said sophomore Fred Rauscher. "It can be fun and frustrating planning the activities."

Junior Holly Huddleston agreed.

"I enjoy being involved and being in different activities. Knowing I had something to do with the details of what's going on is a little uplifting."

Senior Chris Wilcox joined to ensure that he and his friends had a say in school activities.

"I wanted to represent my class and be a voice of those around me," said Wilcox.

But being part of either group involved sacrificing personal time and fulfilling specific duties during the school year.

"The meetings in the morning can really get on a person's nerves," explained Wilcox. "When it's early

and you don't want to be there, everyone gets real crabby and will argue about anything and everything."

That's not the only problems senior Kim Woodall faced during her time in varsity club

"The varsity club chooses Homecoming Court, but that's about it, nothing else," said Woodall.

Jason Parsons, senior, agreed.

"Other than picking Homecoming Court, it's like we don't even serve a purpose. It's frustrating," he said.

The decisions that were made by class council also served as a source of frustration for male members,

as Rauscher explained.

"Since there are only three guys in our sophomore class council, we are outnumbered by a lot and the girls get their way almost all of the time," said Rauscher.

Even though both groups faced some minor problems during the year, both organizations ran their specific activities somewhat smoothly.

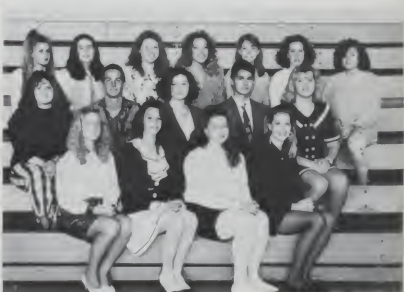
"It was just fun being a part of the council and getting really involved," said sophomore Dana Duran. "I also had a fun time being active even though the silly arguments did get old really fast."

-Nate Miklusk



Varsity Club. Front: Scott Sherry, Todd Zabek, Jerry Farrar. 2nd Row: Jenna Lehmann, Amy Bishop, Kellie Adams, Jen Kuck, Shelli Kinders, Sarah Krooswyk, Becky Dune. 3rd Row: Kristina Pikus, Sandy Bronson, Kelley Gall, Lindsey Friend, Nate Miklusk, Angie Matson, Teri Letts, Alan Sutkowski,

Joe Gonzalez, Jenny Huss. 4th Row: Jodi Haack, Kim Woodall, Daniel Dudek, Matt Rubacha, Ron Govert, Kyle Towson, Kevin Daugherty, Jason Parsons, Chad Sutton, Dana Navarro. Back Row: Phil Bice, Keela Gootie, Paul Mitchell, Brad Zabek, Adam Smith, Scott Mauch, Jason Matthews, Carl Rentschler, Ryan Hoover, Fabian Martinez, Heather Devitt.



Sophomore Class Council. Front: Dana Duran, Shelli Hoover, Kara Siegle, Kasey Biscan. 2nd Row: Sarah Atkins, Shawn Meyers, Renee Birk, Fred Rauscher, Emily

Bacon. Back Row: Katherine Collier, Sarah Francis, Courtney Sanger, Kieishi Green, Nancy Marszalek, Jennifer Rosner, Lorean Batinic.

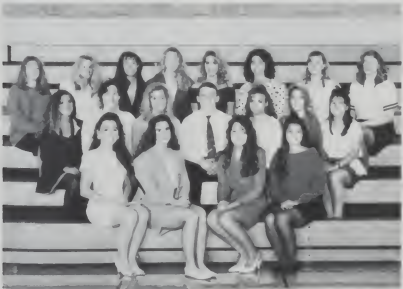


Senior Matt Feh and his date, junior Jame Korzeniewski, pose for their Tunabout photo even though the photographer arrived an hour late. All Turnabout arrangements, including the DJ, decorations and much more, were made by the Sophomore Class Council.

Senior Dan Pastar carries the senior banner in the Homecoming Parade. Float building was sponsored by the Senior Class Council; however, the juniors won top honors with their Nike slogan. Seniors placed second with their Energizer Bunny. And, sophomores claimed third.

Homecoming candidates Ron Govert and Shelli Linders eagerly await the king and queen announcement at half-time. The

Varsity Club was the organization responsible for king and queen nominations and elections.



Junior Class Council. Front: Natalie Pastar, Keela Gootee, Alicia Kristufek, Dana Navarro. 2nd Row Holly Huddleston, Trisha Paul, Bethany

Minnix, Gavin Reyome, Shannon Bopp, Amy Zvyak, Debbie Bombin. Back Row: Amy Hill, Jamie Benson, Katie Green, Becca Mazzocco, Jo Nahod, Becky Yates, Tassi Cominos, Laura Nichols.



Senior Class Council. Front: Ron Govert, Jenna Lehmann, Lora Lee Kilgore, Kevin Daugherty. 2nd Row: Kelley Gall, Shelli Linders, Ryan Hoover, Angie Matson, Becky Duney. 3rd Row: Jenny Huss,

Lindsey Friend, Scott Sherry, Mindy Davis, Jodi Haack, Chris Wilcox. Back Row: Kellie Adams, Todd Zabek, Chris Fisher, Jackie Acosta, Amy Bishop, Dan Pastar, Sarah Krooswyk.

Pantherettes:

"Kickin' High, Waivin' Flags, Dancin' Hard."

"Five-six-seven-eight!" Down in their first formation, the Pantherettes are focused on the routine that is about to begin. With music blaring, the Pantherettes execute the dance with precision and their own sense of style. Arms getsore, and breathing gets heavy. Finally, they strike the ending pose. The crowd explodes with applause, and suddenly the girls realize that the work and pain paid off.

The Pantherettes practiced on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school and before every home game.

"I don't think people realize how much time it takes to perfect a performance. Our mandatory practices seem never-ending. We've been in the gym until 10:30 or 11 p.m. on Thursday nights before," said senior Jodi Haack.

All the extra hours must

have paid off, because the Pantherettes won several awards this year.

"This year's squad was one of the most talented squads I've ever had as far as performances. We had very strong personalities which sometimes resulted in conflicts, but it never affected the quality of a half-time show," said sponsor Martha Davis.

The girls spent the summer preparing for camp.

"I was really excited about camp because everybody talked about how much fun it was. I was also a little scared because all the old girls were saying how much practicing they had to do for their individual routines," said junior Melissa Whitfield.

The Pantherettes did suffer a disappointment at the Miss Dance Drill Team Competition.

Shellie Hoover, sopho-

more said, "We were robbed!"

Hoover went on to explain that she felt that Munster High School deserved first and Griffith deserved second place. Instead, the Pantherettes left with a third.

President Mindy Davis, senior, was upset because they worked way too hard to come out with a third.

"We practiced about eight to ten hours to prepare for the competition. Our dance was almost perfect on video, so I felt good about that," said Davis.

Seniors had mixed feelings about their final year.

"There have been some good times as well as the bad ones. It's been an experience," said senior Angie Matson.

-Jackie Acosta

Seniors Amy Bishop and Shelli Linders give their best 'attitude' during a half-time routine to Peter Gunn.

Showing off their competition routine, the Pantherettes entertain the student body at the basketball Sectional pep rally. The Pantherettes captured third place with their routine "Are you Ready for This" at the Miss Dance Drill Team Competition in Crown Point.





The Pantherettes get caught up in the moment at a football game. Pantherettes sat in the booster block and cheered on the team with the cheerleaders.



Before they performed, Pantherettes were tested on the routine. Junior Michelle Baran practices the camp dance. The squad received a first place for their dance.



After a long day at camp, Pantherettes spent free time either sleeping, practicing or eating. Considering the quality of Purdue's cafeteria food, juniors Steffanie Snyder, Alicia Kristufek and Becky Yates chose to eat pizza instead.



Preparing survival kits for her squad, senior Angie Matson fills bags with tissue paper, candy, bubbles, bandaids and coloring books. Kits were for those slap happy hours of long practices at camp.



When 20 girls packed for the week, all their "necessities" got mixed up. First year Pantherette Shellie Hoover begins to look for her things among the mess her squad created at Purdue University. The girls attended camp in July.

Front: LoraLee Kilgore, Angie Matson, Mindy Davis, Jackie Acosta. 2nd Row: Becky Yates, Amy Bishop, Shelli Linders, Sarah Krooswyk, Jodi Haack. 3rd Row: Steffanie Snyder, Michelle Baran, Bethany Minnix, Alicia Kristufek, Debbie Bombin. Back Row: Gina Segally, Melissa Whitfield, Natalie Pastar, Shellie Hoover, Keisha Green, Becca Mazzocco.





Dana Duran, sophomore, warmed-up by playing her flute before Mr. John King started band class.



Junior Rick Lane and freshman Jenny Wszolek played their trombones together on a Thursday practicing for the big

Mr. John King, band, explains the specific rhythm of a song during his sixth period class.



Sophomore Don Woodard studies his sheet music. Many members practiced their pieces for hours each night.



game on Friday night. The pair often received sheet music as late as Thursday for Friday's game.



Front: Dana Navarro, Elaine Burris, Angie Runyan, Alana Robles, Lynette Carter, Michelle Higgins, Sonya Bare, Amy Zuyak. 2nd Row: Robyn Towasnicki, Karen Grubbs, Anastasia Trekkles, Brian Miller, Scott Navarro, Carrie Kitchens, Angie Gillespie, Nichole Biggerly, Shannon Bopp, Renee Grubbs. 3rd Row: Paul Sines, Sara Miller, Valerie Roper, Matt Wilson, Johanna Nahod, Becky Chandler,

Jim Dwyer, Jeff Messmer, Lorraine Barenie. 4th Row: Don Woodard, Greg Decker, Matt McClure, Jenny Wszolek, Kevin Messmer, Rick Lane, Trevor Domazet. 5th Row: Phil Bice, Kim Brooks, Brian Belcher, Marcus Williams, Glenn Ponazzo, David Varichek, Victor Garcia, Ken Rudzinski, Lewis Belcher. Back Row: Mr. King, Nichole Rasile, Jereme Warzo, Allen Grubbs, Scott Pilarczyk, Eric Anderson, Manuel Jones, Bob Pilarczyk.



Front: Jo Nahod, Becky Chandler, Jim Dwyer, Jeff Messmer. 2nd Row: Jenny Wszolek, Lorraine Barenie, Rick Lane, Trevor Domazet, Kevin Messmer, Dana

Navarro. 3rd Row: Angela Runyan, Lewis Belcher, Ken Rudzinski, Matt McClure. Back Row: Mr. John King, Phil Bice, Don Woodard, Greg Decker.

Band:

"Makin' Music, Play'n Tunes, and Soundin' Good."

Perspiration flooded their chairs as they waited for their turns to play. There were practically puddles like Lake Michigan after they performed their first hit. This three-day trip to Toronto was what the concert band had been gearing up for.

The pep, jazz, marching, and concert bands may have sounded like pure fun, but that just wasn't the case. Band members spent many hours every week and sometimes everyday practicing.

Junior Dana Navarro, clarinet player for all four bands, said, "I spent approximately an hour and a half every day practicing for any upcoming events. When it came to crunch time

Lorraine Barenie, senior, credited concentration and skill to her successful practices while the Pantherettes performed their flag routine.

and I had a big concert or something, I would spend anywhere from two to three hours each day."

Pep band performed for home basketball games. They played current rock hits which kept the crowd entertained and gave a fast beat for the cheerleaders and Pantherettes to perform the pre-game and half-time routines.

"Pep Band can be very stressful," sophomore Phillip Bice, drum player, said. "We get a piece of music sometimes on Thursday and have to be able to play it the next night at the game."

Bice added that the song he liked performing the most was "Wipeout" which caught the crowd's attention and was a great spirit booster.

Navarro and Bice agreed that they enjoyed when the

crowd sang along to the school song and "Our Boys Will Shine Tonight," the team warm-up song.

In addition to after-school practices, students took classes to prepare for concerts. But even with the time demands placed on members, participants still enjoyed music and band.

"Music is an important part of my life. I enjoy playing music and listening to it," Lewis Belcher, sophomore, said.

Jazz band performed at many concerts and in many contests. On March 6, they received a Division 1, Group Two, rating at ISSMA contest.

Sophomore Trevor Domazet explained, "I feel that jazz band is more challenging than any other band because of the type of music we played."

-Dana Navarro



Front: Amy Zvyak, Elaine Barris, Jenny Wszolek, Alana Robles, Lynette Carter, Michelle Higgins, Sonya Bare, Dana Navarro. 2nd Row: Robyn Towasnicki, Karen Grubbs, Anastasia Trekles, Brian Miller, Scott Navarro, Carrie Kitchens, Angie Gillespie, Nichole Baggari, Renee Mubbs. 3rd Row: Paul Sines, Sara Miller, Valerie Roper, Matt Wilson, Johanna Nahod.

Jeff Messmer, Lorraine Barenie, Kyle Hecht, Matt McClure. 4th Row: Brian Belcher, Marcus Williams, Jenny Wszolek, Angela Runyan, Kevin Messmer, Rick Lane, Ken Rudzinski, Lewis Belcher. Back Row: Manuel Jones, Eric Anderson, Bob Pilarczyk, David Varichek, Victor Garcia, Mr. John King, Back Don Woodard, Allen Grubbs, Jerime Wargo, Greg Decker, Phil Bice, Nichole Rasile, Kim Brooks.



Front: Lorraine Barenie, Elaine Barris, Lynette Carter, Michelle Higgins, Dana Navarro, Jerime Wargo, Nichole Rasile, Phil Bice, Don Woodard, Greg Decker. 2nd Row: Scott Navarro, Anastasia Trekles, Angie Runyan, Kevin Messmer, Rick Lane, Kyle Hecht, Jenny Wszolek. 3rd

Row: Mr. King, Trevor Domazet, Becky Chandler, Jim Dwyer, Matt Wilson, Valerie Roper, Sara Miller, Becky Allen, Back Row: Lewis Belcher, Dave Varichek, Mark Williams, Matt McClure, Kenny Rudzinski, Brian Belcher.

Chorale performs "Football," a rhythm piece without musical notes and accompaniment, for the Homecoming Pep Session. The group surprised the audience when members began singing in the bleachers before moving onto the floor.



"Ghost" captures the attention of seniors Joe Gonzales and Jenna Lehman on the bustrip to Florida. Chorale members focused on eight VCRs and countless movies to pass the 20-hour trip.



Front: Mindy Davis, Joe Gonzalez, Jenna Lehmann, Jackie Acosta, Gavin Reyome, Gretchen Gasper, Matthew Rubacha, Laura Nichols, Kelley Gall, Chris Wilcox. 2nd Row: Mitch Ensign, Jodi Hacck, Luke

Dalach, Leslie Biscan, Jenny Huss, Jim Martin, Kim Wodall, Jacob Gettig, Alyssa Yerga, Jason Swinson. Back Row: Dan Bartnicki, Whitney Escalante, LoraLee Kilgore, Lindsey Friend, Chris Degard.



Front: Dawn Cothran, Katie Mendez, Stacy Vanna. 2nd Row: Stefanie Snyder, Candy Loudner, Laura Cole, Jamie, Benson. 3rd Row: Sarah Curtis, Natalie

Bogielski, Erin Voorheis, Katie Green. Back Row: Angie Karlstedt, Tass Cominos, Laura Nichols.

Choir:

"Singin' Songs, Layin' Out, and Makin' Money."

Almost everyone wanted a good tan. Nobody layed out with the intentions of turning their bodies fire-engine red.

"I need towels--cold wet towels!"

This was senior Mitch Ensign's cry after falling asleep in the Florida sun over Spring Break. He joined many Chorale members on the beaches.

The Chorale took a week-long trip to Florida to compete in the Orlando Music Fest. The trip included a day at MGM Studios, Epcot or Disney World, one day at Wet & Wild, two days in West Palm Beach and a one-day cruise to the Bahamas.

During the 24-hour drive home, senior Mindy Davis snoozes. Davis was crowned the "Sleeping Queen" on the trip because she slept the entire way to and from Florida.

"It was a great deal. We sang one day for half an hour and had a blast the rest of the time!" said senior Mindy Davis.

Director Cynthia Spejewski hadn't taken students on an extensive trip like this for 10 years.

"The last time I took Chorale on a competition-based trip was in 1983. The members of this year's group not only have tons of talent but also possess attitudes that deserve rewarding," said Mrs. Spejewski.

The Chorale prepared for the trip by months of intense fundraising as well as practicing their competition songs.

"I found that people were really supportive with fundraising. They all thought that it would be a really great experience," said junior Laura Nichol.

In an effort to raise

money, the choral department hosted ISSMA, a singing competition for soloists and ensembles.

"Although hosting ISSMA required long hours and, to some degree, a loss of classtime, the experience was well worth it. I think the fact that our students were able to perform in familiar surroundings relaxed them," explained Mrs. Spejewski.

ISSMA was a very profitable venture, raising over \$1,800 for the trip.

The Chorale took second place with a superior rating and a score of 92 out of a possible 100.

"I was surprised because I felt we did well. I was still really happy to take second place at a national competition," said senior Jenna Lehmann.

-Jackie Acosta and Gavin Reymore



Front: Jose Morales. 2nd Row: John Cobb, Tim Theodorozio. 3rd Row: Seth Krooswyk, Tim McKemmy, Chris Kagel. 4th Row:

Mike Forester, Sean Moore, Mike Tomcisi, Tom Nelson. Back Row: Keith Portman, Ken Clamm, Matthew Shudder, Dave Kirk, Jason Castell.



Front: Alicia Slanac, Dana Navarro. 2nd Row: Tina Wilcox, Renee Birk, Sarah Francis. 3rd Row: Andrea Schroder.

Jenny Meece, Tricia Jones, Alyssa Radici. Back Row: Emily Bacon, Kristy Barks, Amanda Foust, Carolyn Healy, Kara Seigle.



To earn money for the 1994 trip to Washington, D.C. and summer workshop at Ball State, sophomore Kelli Steiber and junior Jada Mardis count out fundraiser candybars. The girls needed to raise \$500 for D.C. and \$230 for BSU.

The new journalism room was supposed to be finished in October of 1992. In June of 1993, staff members were still waiting to move in. The staff was crammed into a standard classroom with no workspace and little security.



Senior Tony McCabe asks for copyreading help from seniors Kelly

Gall and Mitch Ensign. McCabe was famous for his restaurant and movie reviews on the entertainment page.



Selecting a photograph of the baseball team for their sports pages, sophomore Jeff Carroll and senior Melissa Busovsky

finish their Issue 13 deadline. The newspaper published 12 eight-page issues and 2 four-page issues during 1992-1993.

Newspaper:

"Hittin' Deadlines, Writin' the News, and Keepin' Up."

"Get off that computer. I need my pictures, now! Where's my layout? Someone stole my story. I'll crop your pictures if you type my story."

These are just a few of the stressful comments that were made at deadline time in Room 108, the journalism room or J-Room as it was called more often.

Unlike the Times, the Panther Press was published every two weeks. Interviews, photographs and captions had to be done precisely under deadline. In other words the words "I left my homework on the kitchen table" just didn't cut

it because everyone depended on everyone else to meet deadlines and produce quality work.

Junior Sharon Rhyne, assistant feature editor, said, "A lot of people think Panther Press is a blow-off class, but it takes dedication and a lot of work."

A friendly rivalry developed between Panther Press and Reflector. Both tried to outdo each other to show which one could cover stories better and take the best photographs.

Sophomore Jeff Carroll said, "I feel the Panther Press is more important because we have a newspaper due every two weeks, not a whole year like the Reflector staff."

Even though there was a rivalry, the Panther Press joined the yearbook staff on a trip to Ball State University to go to journalism

workshops and enjoy a break from deadline pressure.

The Panther Press staff had a "great year," according to its editors, and produced over 120 pages for the newspaper. This included a Homecoming issue which had to be so carefully planned that it covered the Homecoming Queen and King and was distributed during halftime of the game.

Chris Fisher, senior and editor-in-chief, was responsible for getting the newspaper to press as well as handling staff problems and editing.

"It was hard work at times when you would have to stay after school for long periods of time, but I enjoy journalism, so I am glad I really stuck to it," she explained.

-Kim Stanford

Using the "idiot camera," senior Danielle Dudek, associate editor and photo coordinator, focuses on members of the Top 10. Dudek attended summer camp to learn photography and assisted in ordering equipment for the new photo lab.



Front: Natalie Pastar, Kelley Gall, Danielle Dudek, Melissa Busovsky. 2nd Row: Sharon Rhyne, Jacki Kuss, Jada Mardis, Kelli Steiber, Heather Devitt, Michelle

Lubrant, Missy Henriksen. Back Row: Chris Fisher, Matt Rabin, Mitch Ensign, Jeff Carroll, Tony McCabe, Laura Grasch.



The Panther Press staff discusses what they want to publish in the next edition of

the paper. They met in the library every two weeks to plan upcoming issues.



Junior Joe Potesta entertains the crowd during a drug seminar during the lock-in.



Natalie Pastar, junior, prepares the school for Sectionals. Student Council painted over 100 windows during the course of the week.



Senior Todd Zabek receives a make-over from senior Jerry Farrar on Opposite Sex Day. Approximately 75 percent of the school participated in Spirit Week.



Sporting Homecoming t-shirts, sponsored by Student Council, the seniors, as usual, won the shouting contest against the juniors and sophomores.



Senior Sarah Krooswyk and junior Joe Potesta strut their stuff while they represent the different types of drugs in the speech about teens against drugs. Some of the activities at the lock-in were basketball, volleyball, swimming, movies, dancing, and a guest speaker on war against drugs.

While waiting for secretary LoraLee Kilgore, senior, to finish taking attendance, president Sarah Krooswyk, senior, played with her koosh ball and vice president Jenna Lehmann, senior, finished her breakfast. Since meetings started at 7:15 a.m., some students were so rushed that they were forced to finish breakfast at meetings.



Student Council:

Representin' Students, Sponsorin' Dances, Sellin' Stuff

On the way into the high school from Wiggs street, there sits one of the most important rooms for students.

No, it's not the cafeteria or the gymnasium... it's West AV, where the student council met.

Student council, like many school organizations, had very dedicated members.

This summer, they washed over a 100 cars to get a jump on raising money.

At 7:15 when most students were getting out of the shower, student council members were discussing plans for Homecoming, dances and the food drive.

"We (student council) do a lot of things that the students take for granted, like organizing Homecoming,

the parade, the servant auction and collecting food for the emergency fund," said secretary LoraLee Kilgore.

A new amendment to the student council constitution allowed people who didn't get elected in the original election to become members by attending 10 consecutive meetings.

New student council member junior, Lisa Shoulders said, "I'm really glad I put forth the effort to become a member of student council. I feel like I accomplished something over and above what I'm usually doing, because I'm not the outgoing type with the school function things."

Achievement is something that goes through everyone's minds when it comes to clubs and organizations.

"I felt the new amendment was a great idea because it got more people involved," senior Kevin

Daugherty said. "Without new members, it would still be the same old people and the same old stuff."

New members had a lot of responsibility to uphold.

They had to be at 10 consecutive meetings on Wednesdays and had to participate in a number of activities organized by student council.

The t-shirts worn for Homecoming -- one of the student council activities -- were a definite success. The student council put their hard work into selling them for \$10. They were a popular thing to wear around spirit week time.

Santa Grams were another big hit. The grams were sold about one and a half weeks before Christmas break. The lucky students who received Santa Grams enjoyed a candy cane and a little message from thoughtful friends.

- Kim Stanford

Harvey's Dimestore showed its support for GHS football. Most of the town was painted black and gold during Sectionals.



Front: Kevin Daugherty, Jenna Lehmann, Sarah Krooswyk, LoraLee Kilgore. 2nd Row: Holly Huddleston, Keela Gootie, Lindsey Friend, Angie Matson, Natalie Taster, Becky Duney, Katie Green, Becca Mazzocco. 3rd Row: Kelley Gall, Mitch Ensign, Ron Govert, Amy Bishop, Bethany Minnix, Renee Birk, Emily Bacan, Jamie Benson, Kristy Barks. Back Row: Danielle Dudek, Melissa Busovsky, Luke Dalach, Gavin Reyome, Shawn Myers, Nick Hawkins, Dan Bartnicki, Amy Zvyak, Michelle Wayo, Sarrah Sheppard, Roxanne Luptak.

Senior Kellie Adams donates her blood for the 1992-93 blood drive. Ninety seniors and juniors donated blood, helping the Honor Society committee reach its "usable pints" goal.



Front: Dan Bartnicki, Lora Lee Kilgore, Lindsey Friend, Jenny Huss. 2nd row Luke Dalach, Matt Rubacha, Melissa

Busovsky, Kelly Gall, Sarah Krooswyk Jodi Haack. Back Row: Sarah Curtis, Chris Fisher



Honor Society:

"Gettin' Involved, Cuttin' the Grades, and Makin' a Difference."

To even be considered for Honor Society, a student had to have a 3.4 grade point average. Then, the student was evaluated by his teachers for service, character, and leadership qualities on a 4.0 scale.

When all the numbers were added up, only the students with an overall average of 3.4 were accepted into this elite group.

Senior Matt Rubacca said, "It's a very prestigious group to get into that is nationally recognized. When a student gets in, it looks really good on his record for when colleges are look-

ing for students."

Mr. John King, a former Honor Society student, said, "Honor Society students are students who set a standard for the other students to try to achieve."

But once a student was accepted, he had to maintain his 3.4 average. For some students, this was difficult.

Treasurer Lindsey Friend said, "It's really hard for people in advanced classes to keep such a high GPA."

Mrs. Cynthia Spejewski, sponsor, explained that such high standards must be set to make this group a true honor society.

"I will not lower the standards so more people will be involved. People just have to work their very hardest to be accepted," she said.

Honor Society at GHS was very important to both its members and the community. Service projects, such as the blood drive, crop-walk, and Recognition Night were organized by the group.

Junior Luke Dalach said, "The blood drive went pretty well this year. We had 90 people show up."

-Mike Ramsey and
Dana Navarro



The Honor Society inducted its new members with a candle lighting ceremony. There were 18 inductees this year.

Mrs. Cynthia Spejewski, Honor Society sponsor, reviews banquet information with the members of Honor Society. The banquet was held on May 3, 1993.

Stage crew, Movie workers, and Bowling club:

"Bowl'n Pins, Show'n Movies, and Build'n Props."

Movie workers, bowling club, and stage crew were just a few of the activities aside from sports at GHS. These activities took place after school and still involved the students.

The movie workers worked on Friday and Saturday nights once a month at the school. Their jobs did not entail merely sitting around and watching the movies; workers had to take tickets, control the rowdy audience, and pick up the trash afterwards.

Sophomore Tori Dresbaugh said, "It's a lot of fun being with friends, but when the audience trashes the place, that is not fun."

A lot of responsibility was carried on movieworkers' shoulders to make sure the evening's entertainment ran smoothly.

"I like it because you get to see movies for free, and it provides a good service for

the community," said junior Nikki Manno.

Overall, running the movies was something fun to do for everyone, and good entertainment for the public, too.

Likewise, the stage crew worked hard to help make the school plays run smoothly. They built props for the fall play and controlled the lighting for the production. Being a part of the stage crew took a lot of time and effort.

Some people joined stage crew because it provided something to be involved in, but others like senior Jason Swinson enjoyed the carpentry part of the job.

He said, "I've always liked to build things. This way I was able to build sets and stuff like that. Plus, I like working with people, so it was a lot of fun."

These students made up a group devoted to what

they did.

And, bowling club also provided students with activities beyond the normal school day. The bowling club got together every Tuesday after school to compete against each other. Everyone was divided into groups, and a team captain was chosen.

Bowling club captured the interest of many students for a variety of reasons.

"I really thought it was a lot of fun," said Missy Henrikson, senior.

So, whether students chose to become a movie worker, a member of the stage crew or a participant in the bowling club, they discovered new roles in the high school.

-Kim Stanford

Senior Jason Swinson and junior Chris Degard work on the walls for Marty's bedroom in the play "Grease."



Stage Crew. Front: Amy Zvyak, Alyssa Yerga, Nick Hawkins, Rachel Ehresman, Jason Swinson. 2nd Row: Michelle Higgins, Nikki Manno, Missy Henrikson, Sharon Rhine, Mike Duran, Joe Serbentas, Natalie Pastar, Angie Karlstedt, Michelle Gauler, Carrie Kitchens, Beth Morrison, Melissa Herquist. Back Row: Gretchen Gasper, Amy Hill, Mr. Weaver, Nancy Jamison, Sarah Curtis.



The play was definitely a big hit with the help of the stage crew, make-up and costumers. "Grease" raised approximately \$3,000 to pay for make-up, costumes, props, programs, and miscellaneous items.



The stage crew members work as a team with Mr. Ray Weaver in order to get the Panther mobile ready to be transformed into Greased Lightning for "Grease."

Stage designer, Mr. Ray Weaver, takes Greased Lightning for a little spin, while senior Mitch Ensign and sophomore Mike Tomsci place bets on whether it will really run.



Junior Laura Grash painted sophomore Renee Birk's face with gobs of make-up in order to give the audience the full effect of the 1950s.



After getting their 50s make-over, seniors Lindsey Friend and Kelley Gall admire the transformation.



Movie Workers: Front: Gretchen Gasper, Nikki Manno, Missy Henrikson, Sharon Rhvne, Michelle Gauler, Mr. Weaver. 2nd Row: Laura Cole, Tina Wilcox, Tori Dresbaugh, Kelly Minnaugh, Jason Swinson, Nancy Jamison. Back Row: Bill Alley, Alyssa Yerga, Carolyn Healy, Jenny Meece, Joe Serbentas, Carne Kitchens, Alyssa Radici, Beth Morrison.



Bowling Club: Front: Gretchen Gasper, Nikki Manno, Missy Henrikson, Rachel Ehresman, Joe Serbentas. 2nd Row: Mary Beth Yonan, Laura Cole, Tina Wilcox, Dawn Cothran, Dave Fisher, Nancy Marszalek. 3rd Row: Kristi Flatter, Sharon Rhvne, Amy Duran, Cathy Reese, Jenny Reese, Cindy Ball, Lisa Walker. Back Row: Ron Martin, Josh Henry, Bob Gottschammer, Eric Anderson, Tina Walker, Jen Szejnnowski, Becky Betts, Bill Pilarczyk.



Give me a bite! Senior Alan Sutkowski is spoiled and fed by his senior friends Mindy Davis and Jenna Lehmann.



Pig out is certainly what seniors Alan Sutkowski, Fabian Martinez and Becky Lipscomb did at the Lap-a-thon for muscular dystrophy.



Competitiveness and hard work paid off for the state qualifiers who went down to Indianapolis, to compete for DECA state. A celebration immediately followed.

Senior Todd Zabek pulls seniors Jen Kuck and Ryan Hoover to the finish line of the Lap-a-thon. Wagons, wheelchairs, and piggy-back rides were a big help.



District Participants Front: Brad Zabek, Danielle Dudek, Jennifer Kuck, Kellie Adams, Shelli Linders, Amy Bishop, Carrie Kitchens, Michele Gauler. 2nd Row: Jo Nahod, Alan Sutkowski, Fabian Martinez, Amy Hruskocyc, Janilli Scheeringa, Katie Ellison, Jamie Bell, Jer Gajewski, Kristine Yanek, Tracy Renolds, Lori Nagel, Diane Schoeffel. 3rd Row: Chris Eaton, Jerry Farrar, Todd Zabek, Nate Miklusak, Jim Dwyer, Tony McCabe, Craig Young, Joe Reid, Brian Hopper, Lee Ann Reise. 4th Row: Michelle Scurluck, Angie Kauffman, Ruben Hernandez, Gavin Reymore. 5th Row: Shannon Bopp, Jonna Gehring, Chris Linders.

DECA: Achievin' Goals for the Future.



Distributive Education Clubs of America. That's the rather elongated name for the club we'd rather refer to as DECA. DECA was a club open to all students enrolled in career prep, marketing and ICE classes. There were a total of 65 students in DECA this year under the direction of Mr. Dick Reymoe.

Throughout the year, DECA participated in a variety of activities, from a banner for the Homecoming competition to regional and state DECA competition.

Also, DECA sold sweet-o-grams, boxes of candy, cookies, and sweets to the junior and senior high school students before school and during lunch.

Most students took

DECA because they wanted to learn how to conduct themselves on the job.

"It (DECA) helps students to learn to work together and achieve goals, not only for themselves but also for the good of others. It aids the students to gain self confidence through DECA competitions and to be responsible through fundraisers and civic projects," said Reymoe.

Junior Diane Schoeffel said, "I took DECA and career prep for a couple reasons. It was required for ICE. Plus, I wanted to. It's a good class. It teaches you responsibility and how to make goals for yourself."

Schoeffel was the first DECA member in GHS history to place first at state competition.

Senior Jen Kuck said, "I took it because I wanted to be in something I was good at. Anyone who wants to

be in DECA has to work hard if you expect to learn anything; you only get out of it what you put in. From being in DECA, I've learned how to deal with people, how to compete, how to work out human relations problems and how to get jobs and keep them."

DECA provided preparation for many aspects of business, marketing, financing, retailing, job interviews, sales and advertising and economics.

Senior Todd Zabeck learned "that Mr. Reymoe is an easy-going guy and probably wouldn't mind if the whole school joined DECA. I don't understand why people don't; there are so many who are going to business colleges, and DECA would be excellent preparation. DECA needs more hard-working students."

-Kim Stanford

Bio Pops and notes are no problem for senior Joe Gniadek to organize for Sweetest Day. The proceeds of sweet-o-grams went to help the DECA funds.

Front : Bethany Minnix, Shelli Linders, Mr. Dick Reymoe, Kellie Adams Tracy Renolds. 2nd Row: Kim Woodall, Angie Karlstedt, Katie Mendez, Michelle Scurlock, Lori Nagel, Melissa Whitfield, Lisa Shoulders, Jennifer Turner. 3rd Row: Sam Murrian, Melissa Harretos, Amy Hruskocy, Teresa Ewen, Becky Lipscomb, Trisha Paul, Jo Nahod, Lora Lee Kilgore, Danielle Dudek. 4th Row: Bridget Butler, Amy Bishop, Mindy Davis, Jenna Lehmann, Jen Kuck, Jonna Gehring, Lisa Dorrelli, Janille Scheeringa, Katie Ellison, Jamie Bell, Jen Gajewski. 5th Row: Jasmine Rodriguez, Jenny Ristic, Becky Chandler, Ron Govert, Alan Sutkowski, Andre Jones, Ruben Hernandez, Brian Hopper, Kristine Yanek, Gavin Reymoe. 6th Row: Steve Blackard, Tony McCabe, Todd Zabeck, Nate Miklusak, Jerry Farrar, Jim Dwyer, Chris Eaton, Matt Stanger, Todd Queen. Back Row: Brad Zabeck, Craig Young, Chris Linders, Fabian Martinez, Joe Gniadek, Mark Austgen, Ryan Hoover, Angie Kaufman, Brandi Negard, Michele Gauler, Diane Schoeffel.



Booster Club:

"Lift n' Spirits, Hold'n Hoops, and Makin' Signs."

Imagine the sounds of thundering feet getting closer then... CRASH!... the football players break through the hoop with adrenaline pumping, ready for the game to start.

Creating and holding the hoop was one of many booster club activities.

"It was a lot of fun making the hoop and getting to hold it for the football players to run through it," said sophomore Tammy Wolanak.

Before every football and basketball game, booster club members shelled out their own money to decorate players' lockers.

"I'd spend about \$20 a week on locker buddies. But it's worth the time and money when you see how excited the guys get when they open their lockers," said junior Michelle Baran.

Some booster club mem-

bers would get to school at 7 a.m. on Fridays to make sure their locker buddies' locker was finished before the player got to school.

"I was a locker buddy for three guys this year. I did that because I wanted to get involved with the school," said sophomore Courtney Sanger.

There are other activities sponsored by the booster club, such as the new panther outfit bought this year.

There were no sweater girls this year, so the responsibility for all fundraising fell on all the members.

"The booster club raises money by selling 50/50 tickets and stadium blankets," said booster club secretary/treasurer junior Katie Green.

The main purpose of the booster club was to bring

out the Panther Pride in all of the GHS students.

"The booster club raises school spirit and gets the whole school involved," said Green.

A lot of the members joined for fun or to be with their friends.

"The booster club seemed like a good way to get involved with the school and to have fun with my friends," said Wolanky.

Booster club was an organization for everyone. Members didn't have to be the smartest or the most athletic to join. It was just a fun club that tried to raise spirits and create a better environment at GHS.

-Kim Stanford

Reese, suckers, streamers & Kit Kats are just a few of the things junior Stephanie Snyder spoiled senior Joe Gonzalez with to encourage the victory over the Munster Mustangs.



Front Row: Sarah Krooswyk, MaryBeth Yonan, Debbie Bombin, Katie Green. 2nd Row: Keela Gootie, Sandy Bronson, Amy Bishop, Kellie Adams, Jen Kuck, Shelli Linders, Becky Duney, Dana Navarro, Heather Devitt. 3rd Row: Melissa Busovsky, Jenna Lehmann, Kim Woodall, Danielle Dudek, Lindsey Friend, Angie Matson, Teri Letts, Mindy Davis, Natalie Paster, Lynn Katona, Gretchen Gasper. 4th Row: Jamie Benson, Gina Segally, Amy Zryak, Jodi Haack, Jenny Huss, Ron Govert, Kyle Towson, Kevin Daugherty, Angie Kaufman, Rachel Ehresman, Missy Hendrickson, Nikki Mano. 5th Row: Sarah Francis, Heather Williams, Michelle Baran, Kiesha Green, Melissa Whitfield, Jo Nahod, Bethany Minnix, Lisa Shoulders, Stephanie Snyder, Kara Siegle, Sharon Ryne, Cathy Riggie, Johanna Vestal, Lisa Smith. 6th Row: Kristie Swart, Jennie Meece, Carolyn Healy, Shauna Poirer, Phil Bice, Kristina Pikus, Amy Taylor, Shelli Hoover, Becky Chandler, Jenny Ristic, Lauren Darnell, Shannon Bopp, Roxanne Luptak, Nancy Marszalek, Tina Wilcox, Courtney Sanger. Back Row: Tammy Wolanky, Michelle Wayo, Becky Yates, Becca Mazzocco, Sara Redar, Dana Duran, Galina Munchaca, Alicia Kristufek, Holly Huddleston, Jen Gajewski, Michele Lubrant, Kelley Gall, Jackie Acosta, LoraLee Kilgore, Michelle Gauler.





To uplift Panther spirit, booster club President, Sarah Krooswyk, announces the next activity of the Homecoming pep rally.

Hoop hoop - hooray as the GHS Panther and senior Missy Hendrickson hold the hoop made by the Booster Club to pump up the Panthers.



Senior Heather Devitt models the new Panther outfit purchased by the booster club with the money from fundraisers.



Candy, candy and more candy is what juniors Katie Green and Michelle Baran put in senior John Novath's locker. Novath also received toys to boost his spirit on game days.



Junior Varsity Cheerleaders: Shannon Bopp, Jen Gajewski, Lisa Smith. Back

Row: Dana Duran, Roxanne Luptak.



Varsity Cheerleaders: Kelley Gall, Danielle Dudek, Melissa Busovsky. Back

Row: Holly Huddleston, Lindsey Friend, Keela Gootie

Put your BEST FACE FORWARD

Every

person at GHS has a role. The sophomores experience their first year of high school, finding an identity and meeting new people. The juniors finally begin to voice their opinions at school and grow closer as friends. The seniors are respected by all. They support each other in the decisions they make which will affect the rest of their futures. They make memories to last a lifetime and make the best of their last year together. The faculty guide all the students so they they will get the best possible education.

Griffith High School consists of 221 sophomores, 194 juniors, 185 seniors, and 52 faculty members. Compared to most schools, GHS is small in numbers but powerful in competitions. GHS remains strong by students putting their best faces forward ●





School Board. Front: Secretary Claude V. Hochsteler, President Frank Hanak. Back: Superintendent Robert G. Kurtz, Second Vice-President John M. Galambos, First Vice-President, Richard C. Anderson, Assistant Superintendent William E. Galambos, Assistant Secretary Carl J. Konopasek.

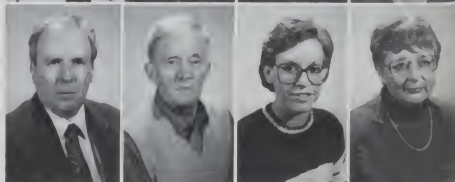
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Mr. Carl Dalton: Social Studies
Mrs. Martha Davis: Science
Mrs. Barbara Deleget: Math



Life's short play hard

Winning the state championship is the dream of many high school students. But only a few are lucky enough to ever play in the final game. That dream came true for a few faculty members.

In basketball, mostly schools from bigger cities ended up competing in the final round.

But as a junior, Mr. Jim Bartlett, athletic director,

played on the 1956 Elkart High School basketball team.

He said, "I was the first substitute for guard, so I did get to play a lot. We had a great season, winning the Conference, Sectional, Regional, and Semi-state titles. It was really heart-breaking when we lost to Lafayette Jefferson by two points in the first round of the championship. Jeffer-

son advanced to win the state title the following year. As heartbreaking as it was to lose this game, having a great season was nice. Our final record that year was 24-3."

Mr. Robert Hastings, social studies and boys' JV basketball coach, was on the 1960 Fort Wayne Northside basketball team as a sophomore.

He said, "We lost the

championship game 64-57 to Indianapolis Washington. It was a really tough game to lose after making it that far. It would have been easier to lose in Sectionals."

Mr. Hastings said that luck played a big part in determining the final winner.

He continued, "There are a lot of good players who aren't on a really strong team. It takes a lot of luck to make it that far (state finals). The best team doesn't always win because of sickness, injury, and foul trouble."

The athletic experience of these people help add to the continuing success of GHS coaching staffs and athletics.

-Dana Navarro



Mr. Ronald Divjak : Health
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Mrs. Iona Glassford : Home Economics

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Purely academic

Everyone has heard from their parents or teachers about how they had to walk six miles, in the rain and sleet, uphill just to get an education. But somehow most adults forgot to tell the part where they goofed off in class. Why some teachers even flunked a class or two in high school and college.

Mrs. Iona Glassford, child development, had a

hard time with one class in particular.

She said, "I failed a nine week grading period in French. I didn't do my work like everyone else. But I finally got my act together and received my credit."

In college, students soon realize that a lot of professors are in the job for the money. They spend their time and energy getting

materials published, instead of teaching classes. For many professors, dealing with an out spoken student is the last thing they want to do.

Mr. Gerry Spejewski, who teaches speech and grammar, said, "I took a course called the 'Philosophy of Education.' I told the professor what I thought of him and his course, so he failed me."

Sometimes athletes are required to take certain physical education classes in college.

Athletic Director Mr. Jim Bartlett said, "The football team was required to take modern dancing. You can imagine what that was like. I messed around too much. One time I remember I was supposed to be a swaying palm tree. Boy, we really blew that one off! I guess that's why a bunch of us flunked."

Many teachers look back and think of their failures as a learning experience.

Glassford said, "I'm not one for having kids sit in perfect rows. The presentation of materials in French was really bad and influenced the way I teach."

-Dana Navarro



Demonstrating jazz improvisation, Mr. John King, band, plays his tenor saxophone. This was Mr. King's second year at GHS; he formally taught band at Roncalli in Indianapolis.

On senior ditch day—Mrs. Janet Konopasek, attendance secretary, received many phone calls from parents who claimed their children were ill.

Perfect form

The senior year brought college thoughts, and college thoughts brought college forms, and college forms brought nightmares.

Forms ranged from the 24-hour financial aid form to the 30-second housing application. You mailed them with \$20...and might have received a rejection with a handwritten note thanking you for the \$20.

When, and if, you got accepted, the forms multiplied in detail and length. Forms for financial aid, housing, and various scholarships haunted you with a

little clause that stated "Failure to pay tuition will result in dismemberment."

Housing applications came next. You tried to pick the most liberal, coed, running-down-the-halls-naked dorm possible. Much to your dismay, you couldn't find the dorm that had a sushi bar and casino. So, you settled for a jacuzzi.

But back to reality, every incoming freshman knew that he would be living in a foxhole with a roommate who collected scabs and knew every scar Herbert Hoover had. That foxhole

would be located no less than 28.5 miles from your

6:30 a.m. Gene Splicing class. How you got that class you didn't know; you thought you put Bowling on that form.

Many paper cuts later, your forms were complete. The joy you felt would never be matched...not by a barmitzvah, graduation or wedding.

-Mitch Ensign
Tony McCabe



After a visit to Ball State's Journalism Day, senior Tony McCabe imitates Samuri Journalist, a spin-off from

Belushi's Saturday Night Live days. McCabe applied to Michigan State for college.

Jacqueline Acosta: Chorale 12, Concert Choir 11, Festival Choir 11, Drama 10-12, Booster Club 10-12, Exec Council 10-12, Student Council 10-12, Quill & Scroll 11-12, Pantherettes 10-12 (squad ldr, hist, nca award winner), Reflector 11-12 (editor-in-chief), Panther Press 11, NCA Superstar Camp, IU Latino Scholar, BSU Minority Achiever

Kellie Kristine Adams: Basketball 10-12 (jv most imprvd), softball 9-12 (capt), Booster Club 10-12, Varsity Club 11-12, Exec Council 10-12 (sec), Student Council 10, DECA 11-12 (pres), Girls State, Softball (all-conf honor mention, all-area honor mention, IU softball scholarship), DECA

Bill Arevalo: Wrestling 12

Michael D. Augenstine: Football 11, Basketball 11

Mark Austgen

Cynthia Joy Ball: Girls Chorus 10, Bowling Club 12

Gregory Byrnard Banks

Lorraine Barenie: Theatre 11, Band 10-12, Drama 10-12 (pit & stage crews), SADD 10, Jazz Band 10-12



Leslie Biscan: Volleyball 10-12 (best setter), Basketball 10-12, Softball 10-12, Chorale 12, Concert Choir 11, Festival Choir 11, Girls Choir 11 (vp), Girls Chorus 10 (pres), Varsity Club 11-12, Executive Council 11

Amy Marie Bishop: Basketball 10, Softball 10-12 (vp most improv, varsity miss desire), Concert Choir 11, Festival Choir 11, Girls Choir 10, Choralettes 11, Drama 10, Booster Club 10-12, Varsity Club 10-12, Exec Council 10-12, Student Council 11-12, DECA 12 (state qlfr), SADD 10-11, Pantherettes (super smile, dynamic dancer, nca superstar, squad ldr)

Kris S. Brandush

Troy Cameron Brodie: Swimming 10-11

Sandra Suzanne Bronson: Basketball 10-12 (captain), Softball 10-12, Booster Club 12, Varsity Club 12

Joseph William Brookhart

Christopher Brown

Melissa Busovsky: Track 10-11, Band 10, Dramatics 10-12, Booster Club 10-12, Cheerleader 10-12 (treas, uca camp), Exec Council 10-12, NHS 10-12, Student Council 11-12, Quill & Scroll 12, SADD 10-11, Panther Press 12 (sports ed), Girls State, Who's Who, Hugh O'Brien Alternate 10, Decathlon 11-12, Spellbowl 10-12, Super Bowl 10-12, TEAMS competition 10-12

Bridget Marie Butler: Booster Club 10, DECA 11-12, ICE 12

Matthew T. Butner: Wrestling 10, DECA 10

Rachel Carden: Volleyball 10, Booster Club 10

Lynnette Dawn Carter: Band 10-12 (sec, vp)

Rebecca Lynn Chandler: Football Mgr 11-12, Track Mgr 11-12, Band 10-12 (treas), Booster Club 10-12, DECA 12

Angel Cox: Booster Club 10, SADD 10

Michael Cox

Joseph Charles Dangelo: Football 10-11, Wrestling 10, Track 10, Reflector 12 (academics editor)

Kevin Daugherty: Football 10-12 (2nd team all-conf, academic aaa all-state team, senior scholar), Baseball 10-12, Booster Club 12, Varsity Club 11-12, Exec Council 12 (treas), NHS 12, Student Council (treas), Boys State, Who's Who

Mindy Kay Davis: Chorale 12 (sec), Concert Choir 11, Festival Choir 11, Girls Choir 11, Girls Chorus 10, Booster Club 10-12, Exec Council 11-12, Student Council 10, DECA 12, Prom, Turnabout, Homecoming Candidate, Pantherettes 10-12 (vp, pres, nca officers award), Who's Who

Heather Leigh Devitt: Volleyball 10-12 (stats), Basketball 10-11 (stats), Softball 10-12, Booster Club 11-12, Sweater Girl 11, Varsity Club 12, Quill & Scroll 12, Panther Press 12, Who's Who, Congressional Scholar 12, Panther Mascot 12

Lisa Marie Dorelli: Booster Club 10, DECA

Danielle Vanessa Dudek: Tennis 10-11, Drama 12, Booster Club 10-12, Cheerleader 10-12 (his), Varsity Club 12, Exec Council 10-11, Student Council 10-12, DECA 12, Quill & Scroll 10-12 (sec), Panther Press 10-12, Baseball Mgr 12, Decathlon 12, DECA.

Rebecca Ann Duney: Volleyball 10-12 (cap, most impr, honor mention all-conf, honor mention all-area), Softball 10-12 (cap, honor mention all-conf, honor mention first base), Booster Club 10-12, Varsity Club 11-12, Exec Council 10-12, NHS 12, Student Council 10-12

Michael Duran

James Dwyer: Football 10-12, Band 10-12 (pres), DECA 12, Quill & Scroll 12 (treas), Reflector 11-12 (managing editor)

Adam C. Eiseense: Football 10-12, Baseball 12, Varsity Club 12

Mitchell Gordon Ensign: Swimming 10-11, Golf 10-11, Chorale 11-12, Concert Choir 10, Drama 10-12, Panther Press 12 (sports ed, asst. entertain ed), Exec Council 11 (sec)

Whitney Escalante: Chorale 12, Concert Choir 11, Festival Choir 11, Girls Choir 10

Amly Evanatz

Teresa Ewen: DECA 11-12, ICE 12

Jennifer Faris

Jerry L. Farrar: Football 10-12 (2nd team all-conf, 1st team all-conf, all-area sp mention, outstand off back), Track 10-12 (cap, 400m relay sect & school record), Varsity Club (sec), DECA 11-12, Boys State

Matthew Norman Feh: Basketball 11-12 (best mental attitude), Golf 11-12, Reflector 12 (asst sports editor), Who's Who

Christine Fisher: Band 10 (elementary camp counselor), Drama 10, Exec Council 11-12, NHS 10-12, Quill & Scroll 11-12 (pres), Panther Press 11-12 (editor), Academic Teams 10-12 (cap), Girls State, National Merit Scholar

David Fisher: Bowling Club (3rd place)

Daniel Flores

Lindsey Lorane Friend: Tennis 10-12 (cap, 2nd team all-conf), Chorale 12 (vp), Concert Choir 11, Festival Choir 11, Girls Choir 11, Girls Chorus 10 (sec), Drama 10-12, Booster Club 10-11, Cheerleader 10-12 (cap, uca all-star), Varsity Club 10-12, Exec Council 10-12, NHS 10-12 (treas), Student Council 10-12, Homecoming Cand, Girls State Alternate

Sarah Therese Furman

Kelley Gall: Tennis 10-12 (cap, mvp, 2nd team all-conf), Chorale 12, Concert Choir 11, Festival Choir 11, Girls Choir 11 (pres), Girls Chorus 10, Drama 10-12, Booster Club 10-12, Cheerleader 10-12 (cap, uca all-star), Varsity Club 10-12, Exec Council 10-12 (vp), NHS 10-12, Student Council 10-12, Quill & Scroll 12, SADD 10-11, Panther Press 12 (asst editor), Girls State, Who's Who 10-11, Bausch & Lomb Science Award, All-State Choir





Marcello Garcia

Betsy Gard

Anita Garnett: Volleyball 10-12 (captain, all-conf honorable mention, 1st team all-conf, all-area honorable mention, 2nd team all-area, 1st team all-area, mvp, most improved, who's who), Basketball 10-12 (all-conf honorable mention, all-area special mention, all-area honorable mention, best mental attitude), Softball 10

Joseph Garza

Gretchen Gasper

Michelle C. Gauler: Concert Choir 11, Festival Choir 11, Girls Choir 11, Girls Chorus 10, Booster Club 11-12, Sweater Girl 11, DECA 12

Jonna Gehring: DECA 12

Paul Gilbertsen: Football 10, Golf 12, Track 10



Fashion flair

Attending this year's fashion show was quite a trip.

What I expected to see was girl after girl walking down a runway, modeling outfits they created in sewing class.

What I got was a humorous parade of cool clothing and a very enjoyable evening.

The show began with baby and toddler fashions. No, the high school students weren't wearing these outfits; they were escorting child models while the audience oohed and aahed.

Next, "Rubber Ducky" blasted from the sound system, and both guys and gals modeled nightware.

Some other highlights included sportswear and

summer looks and work attire complimented by the music of "9-5."

But the real highlights were the guys jamming to "Achy Breaky Heart,"

showing off the boxers made by the girls.

These guys also took part in the evening wear event by being escorts for beautifully-dressed ladies from the upper level clothing classes.

Being incompetent in the Becky Homecky department, I was very impressed by what I saw in the show. While I had trouble ironing a blouse, some of the girls designed dresses that were just as nice if not nicer than many I've seen in extraordinarily-priced stores, like Gantos and Express.

I guess Bill Blass and Donna Karen should watch their steps because GHShas some hot designers ready to hit the runways.

I thought all the fashions were exquisite, and the guys were really good sports to take part.

-Danielle Dudek



As part of the formal and evening wear segment of the annual fashion show, senior Sarah Furman models a dress that

she made in sewing class. Many sewing students learned how to design and put together their own Prom dresses.

Leslie Glover: Booster Club 10-12, SADD 10

Joe Gniadek: Football 10, DECA 12

Bobby Gottschammer: Soccer 10, Bowling Club 10-12 (high average, high game)

Ronald John Govert, Jr.: Basketball 10-12, Baseball 10-12, Booster Club 11-12, Varsity Club 11-12, Exec Council 12 (sec), Student Council 12, DECA 12, Prom Candidate, Turnabout Candidate, Homecoming Candidate

Teresa Renee Grimmer

Karen Melissa Grubbs: Band 10-12, Booster Club 10

Katherine Anne Gulotta: Volleyball 10-12, Tennis 10-11, Booster Club 10-12, Varsity Club 11-12

Jodi Haack: Tennis 10-12 (honorable mention 2nd team all-conf, best record), Chorale 12, Concert Choir 11, Festival Choir, Girls Choir 11, Girls Chorus 10, Booster Club 10-12, Varsity Club 12, Executive Council 12, NHS 11-12, Turnabout Candidate, Pantherette 10-12 (outstanding soph), All-State Choir 11-12



Last call

As the year came to an end and everyone caught senioritis, I found myself

doing just about everything for the last time.

Actually, the "lasts"

started back at the beginning of the year with my last Homecoming and my last musical. Those were sad moments, but the impact wasn't there.

The year progressed, and every event seemed to mark some end to childhood...the year became so final.

By Spring, I was devastated. Everything was over. Prom was a blast, but going to my last formal made me cringe.

Next came Senior Banquet. After that, the year was over. Everyday, I had a new "last."

My last choir concert, my

last tennis match, my last Student Council meeting.

I couldn't believe everything was over until the "banquet season" started. Every organization in school had its own way of saying "good-bye." Those were very hard for me.

Everything from classes to friendships seemed like they were coming to an end. Even though we promised to keep in touch either by mail or by telephone, some of us knew we just wouldn't keep track of each other after the summer...if then.

Not every "last" was a sad moment, though. The bell after my last physics class made me want to get up and dance. And, the last bathroom pass and locker pass I received marked a move into true adulthood.

Like a baby's many "firsts," such as first words and first steps, I encountered my "lasts" this year.

-Kelley Gall



Assisting in Ryan Hoover's last speech as one of his visual aids, senior Brad

Zabek models a chemical suit. Seniors encountered several "lasts" this year.



Jason Harder

Basketball 10-12

Kelly Harmon: Swimming 9-11 (most improved), Booster Club 10-11, Varsity Club 10-11, Student Council 10-11, SADD 10-11, Who's Who

Melissa Harretos: Girls Choir 10-11, Booster Club 10-12, DECA 12

Missy Henrikson: Concert Choir 11, Festival Choir 11, Girls Choir 11, Girls Chorus 10, Drama 12, Booster Club 10-12, Quill & Scroll 11-12, Bowling Club 11-12 (sec, pres), Panther Press 11-12 (reporter, special sections editor)

Joshua Henry

Ruben Anthony Hernandez: Basketball 10-12, Track 12, DECA 12

Justin Hess: Football 10

Carrie Noelle Heusing: Booster Club 10-11 (vp), Sweater Girl 10-11 (vp), SADD 10-11

Matt Hicks

Michele Higgins: Band 10-12, Drama 10-12, Booster Club 10-11

Jennifer Hill

Ryan Hoover: Football 10-12 (all-conf honorable mention), Basketball 10, Baseball 10-12 (captain, all-conf honorable mention), Varsity Club 11-12, Executive Council 12, DECA 12, Prom Candidate, Turnabout Prince, Homecoming Candidate, Boys State Alternate

Amy Christine Hruskocy: Drama 10-12, Sweater Girl 10-11, Varsity Club 10-11, DECA 11-12 (3rd place advertising services, regional), SADD 10-11, Reflector 11 (ads editor), ICE 12

Jenny Huss: Volleyball 10 (captain, jv mvp), Tennis 10, Choral 12, Concert Choir 11, Festival Choir 11, Girls Choir 11 (sec), Girls Chorus 10 (sec), All-State Choir 11, ISSMA Contest 10-12, Booster Club 10-12, Varsity Club 10-12, NHS 10-12 (sec), SADD 10, Spanish Competition 10, Rotary World Conf 12, Girls State Alternate, RYLA Conf, Who's Who, DAR Award, Hoosier Scholar, Super Bowl 10-12 (captain)

Phil Isaily

Chad Ison

Paige Alisse Jacoby: Reflector 11, Prom Queen, Turnabout Princess

Courts Jetton: Football 10-12, Baseball 11-12

Angela Kaufman: Track 10 (mgr), Booster Club 11-12, Sweater Girl 11, DECA 12, Panther Press (reporter, asst feature editor)

LoraLee Kilgore: Lennis 10, Chorale 12, Festival Choir 11, Girls Choir 10, Booster Club 10-12, Drama 12, Exec Council 10-12 (pres), NHS 10-12 (pres), Student Council 10-12 (sec), DECA 12, Pantherettes 10-12 (sec, outstanding), Who's Who

John Korba

Sarah Christine Krooswyk: Track 10-11, Concert Choir 10, Festival Choir 11, Booster Club 10-12 (pres), Varsity Club 10-12, Exec Council 10-12 (pres), NHS 10-12, Student Council 10-12 (treas, pres), Pantherettes 10-12

Jennifer Marie Kuck: Volleyball 10-12, Basketball 10-11, Softball 10-12, Booster Club 10-12, Varsity Club 11-12, Exec Council 10, Student Council 10-11, DECA 10-12, SADD 10, Who's Who in Sports

Jenna Leslie Lehmann: Volleyball 11-12, Basketball 10-12 (cap), Softball 10-11, Chorale 12, Concert Choir 11, Festival Choir 11, Girls Choir 11, Booster Club 10-12, Varsity Club 12, Exec Council 10-12 (treas, vp), Student Council 10-12 (vp), DECA 12, Girls State

Teri Letts: Cross Country 10, Track 10, Booster Club 10-12, Varsity Club 10-12, SADD 10, Prom Candidate, Turnabout Candidate, NIAA Art Award 11

Chris Linders: Concert Choir 10, Festival Choir 10, DECA 11-12 (1st place regional)

Shelli Linders: Basketball 10, Softball 10-11, Booster Club 11-12, Varsity Club 10-11, DECA 11-12, Prom Candidate, Homecoming Candidate, Pantherettes 11-12

Christopher S. Loudner: Cadet Teaching

Rachael Ann Luptak: Cross Country 11 (cap), Basketball 10 (mgr), Track 10-12 (cap), Band 10, Booster Club 10-11

Charles Marquand: Basketball 10-11

Jim Martin: Basketball 10, Wrestling 11, Chorale 11-12, Concert Choir 10-11

Ronald Martin

Fabian David Martinez: Wrestling 10-12 (cap), Varsity Club 11-12, DECA 12

Ruth Ellen Marvel: Baseball 10 (mgr), Track 10, Booster Club 10-12, SADD 10-11, Reflector 11, Who's Who

Ilija Matoski: Swim 10, Tennis 10-12, Golf 11-12, DECA 11-12, Bowling Club 12

Angela Beth Matson: Booster Club 10-12, Varsity Club 10-12, Exec Council 11-12, Student Council 10-12, Prom Candidate, Turnabout Candidate, Homecoming Candidate, Pantherettes 10-12 (nca superstar, pom-pom all-american)

Jennifer Lynn Matthews: Booster Club 10-12, DECA 12

Scott Patrick Mauch: Football 10-12 (2nd team all-conf, honorable mention all-area), Basketball 10, Baseball 10-12, Varsity Club 11-12

Melissa Maugherman: Booster Club 10-11



It's an adventure

Senior Ditch Day.

Of course, many underclassmen decided to take the day off, too. But, that didn't matter because everyone who ditched encountered some kind of adventure, whether they found an unseen episode of Gilligan's Island or went rock climbing at Turkey Run or tried a new flavor of icecream at Baskin Robbins.

My three friends and I decided to spend the day in Chicago before attending a White Sox game.

I guess the first mistake we made was letting me

drive. Seeing as how I had never driven in Chicago before, I was a bit nervous. But, I figured it couldn't be too bad because I had directions into town, and I thought there wouldn't be much traffic because it was a weekday.

First, we had to find Ed Debevic's for lunch. We made it to the Loop easily enough, although we had a close call with a semi. We found Lake Shore Drive easily enough, but where was Ontario Street? Suddenly, we were approaching Wrigley Field ...no-

where near Ed's. I got off at an exit and turned around. We finally found Ontario amongst so many other great lakes streets and pulled up to Ed's place.

Inside the restaurant, we were seated pretty quickly. Our waiter was nice. But, he was a bit talkative — even for me — and enjoyed telling us a little too much about his personal life. Anyway, I enjoyed my dog and fries even with the embarrassment.

Thank goodness nothing much happened at our next stop, the aquarium.

Finally, we were on our way to the Sox game. Even though I prefer the Cubs and, of course, Mark Grace, I thought I could suffer through one Sox game. Being the pro driver that I was, I got back on Lake Shore Drive and headed out. Nowhere in particular, just "out."

"Out" led us to a not-so-nice neighborhood. It was dark...too dark. Many houses were condemned. And, stores had cages around them. I was a little nervous. After 20 minutes, we located a cop who informed us that we were in Stony Island and needed to backtrack to get to Comiskey.

Well, we made it to the game and, then, finally home. It was a day neither my friends nor I will ever forget. We lived on the wild side for one afternoon.

-Missy Henrikson



Anthony McCabe: Football 10-11, Panther Press 11-12 (asst sports editor, entertainment editor), DECA 11-12 (1st & 3rd place general marketing state qualifier)

G. Anthony Mehok

Katie Mendez: Girls Choir 11, Girls Chorus 12, DECA 12

Nathan Miklusak: Football 10-12 (all-conf, all-area), Wrestling 11-12 (all-conf, all-area), Reflector 12 (sports editor), Varsity Club 12, DECA 12 (1st district honorable mention, state), Prom King, Homecoming King, Boys State, Junior Olympics Qualifier (TEAM Indiana)

Paul W. Mitchell: Football 10-12, Track 11, Varsity Club 11-12, Homecoming Candidate

Matthew Moore: Wrestling 10

Mathew Chad Murphy

Samantha Murrian: Booster Club 10-12, DECA 12



Dirk Nicksis

John Novath: Football 12, Track 11

Jason William Parsons: Football 10-11, Baseball 10-12, Drama 12, Varsity Club 12

Daniel Michael Pastar: Football 10-11, Basketball 10-12 (stats, student coach), Varsity Club 12, Executive Council 10-12, Quill & Scroll 12, Panther Press 11-12 (news editor, managing editor, 1st place sports golden bylines), Future Teachers Seminar 12, NIV Wishbowl Camp, Boys State (state-ment editor), Who's Who, American Government Contest Winner 12

Brian Pelletier: Swimming 10-12 (captain, mvp, 200 relay record), Golf 10-12 (captain, lowest average)

Sean Peterson

Dawn Pfeiffer

When the month of April rolled around, seniors knew that there wasn't much time before they were out. In a short period of time, there were three major events—Prom, Graduation, and the Senior Banquet.

At the banquet, all of us were dressed up like we were going to church. Yes, even Pete Johnsen, whose wardrobe was thought to only consist of Notre Dame sportswear, actually wore a shirt and tie without the ND symbol on it.

The class history was next on the agenda. Individual class members were roasted, and very few people were left unscathed. Seniors recalled Tracy Reynolds falling over the fence at the Dwenger game and getting stitches, Rachel Carden mooning opponents from the volleyball bus, Coach Thornton and Mr. Bartlett's battle for the right to call Scott Sherry

"son" (although he still belonged to Ed and Sandy), Zabek's reactions during football games (especially after Angola) along with many other hilarious and embarrassing moments.

Although many parent and teacher chaperones thought the speeches were tasteless, Superintendent Bob Kurtz laughed just as hard as John Hilgeman.

Senior Superlatives were then distributed to all guests. Some were a given, while others were total shockers. Here's a list of the winners...

Most Unique
Dawn Pfeiffer
Mitch Ensign

Most Involved
Kelley Gall
Scott Sherry

Most School Spirit
Kelley Gall
Todd Zabek

Smartest
Melissa Busovsky
Kevin Daugherty

Best Athlete
Anita Garnett
Scott Sherry

Prettiest Hair
Paige Jacoby
Scott Mauch

Prettiest Smile
Angie Matson
Nate Miklusk

Prettiest Eyes
Mindy Davis
Mark Austgen

Funniest
Jenny Huss
Craig Young

Friendliest
Rebecca Doney
Ron Govert

Best Personality
Lindsey Friend
Ron Govert

Rowdiest
Jonna Gehring
Brad Zabek

Brown Nose
Chris Fisher
Dan Pastar

Cutest Laugh
Teresa Ewen
Greg Banks

Class Flirt
Sarah Krooswyk
Alan Sutkowski

Best Dancer
Jen Kuck
Jason Matthews

Biggest Partier
Jonna Gehring
Tony McCabe

Biggest Gossip
Jackie Acosta
Ilija Matoski

Best Dressed
Katie Gulotta
Todd Zabek

Best Legs
Anita Garnett
Alan Sutkowski

Best Body
Shelli Linders
Nate Miklusk

Cutest Couple
Loralie Kilgore
Jerry Farrar

Cutest
Shelli Linders
Paul Mitchell

Best Artist
Wendy Wilken
Justin Hess

Most Musical
Jodi Haack
Mitch Ensign

Senior superlatives

The night was full of fun, food, and memories. Most of the guys ate their \$22 worth of food. And the rest is history.

-Dan Pastar



Joy Planer: SADD 10-11

Ronald Price

Jennifer Reder

Catherine Reese: BPA Information Processing District Winner, Girls Chorus 10

Jason Reid

Carl James Rentschler: Football 10-12, Basketball 10, Baseball 10, Track 11, Varsity Club 11-12

Tracy Reynolds

Jennifer Riese: Tennis 10-11, Bowling Club 12, Math Super Bowl 11

LeeAnn Riese: Track 10-11 (letter), Booster Club 10-12, Cheerleader 10-11 (jv captain), DECA 11-12, Quill & Scroll 11, SADD 10, Reflector 11-12 (asst student life editor)

Margarita Zamora Rocha: Swimming 10, Tennis 10-11 (most positive attitude, jv mvp), Booster Club 10-11

Jasmine Rodriguez

Matthew Rubacha: Basketball 11-12 (student coach), Tennis 10-12 (mvp), Track 12, Chorale 10-12, Festival Choir 10-12, Drama 10-12, Varsity Club 11-12, NHS 10-12, Boys State, Who's Who

Rebecca Schoon: Swimming 10-12 (most improved, best mental attitude)

Carrie Schultz

Ryan Schultz

Michelle Scurlock: DECA 12 (2nd place in credit finance), ICE 12

Joseph Serbentas IV: Tennis 12, Golf 10-11, Drama 12, Bowling Club 10-12 (sec)

Scott Sherry: Football 10-12 (captain, 2nd team all-conf special mention all-area, best mental attitude, Indpls Herald Junior All-State Honorable, 1st team all-conf, 2nd team all-area, 1st team all-state, best mental attitude), Basketball 10-12 (captain, best mental attitude, honorable mention all-conf, mvp, 1st team all-conf, special mention all area, region east-west all-star, mvp), Baseball 10-12 (captain, best mental attitude, 2nd team all-conf, best mental attitude, best pitcher), Varsity Club 11-12 (pres)

Adam Smith: Football 10-11, Baseball 10-12, Varsity Club 10-12

Regina Steapleton: Swimming 10, Booster Club 10-11, Varsity Club 10

Alan J. Sutkowski: Football 10-12 (1st team all-conf, all-area, region 1 all-star, 5 school records), Soccer 10-12, Lifter 10, Varsity Club 12, DECA 12, Panther Press 12 (sports editor), From Candidate

Jason Swinson: Cross Country 10, Chorale 12, Concert Choir 11, Festival Choir 10, Drama 10-11 (stage mgr), Booster Club 10-11, Bowling Club 10-11

James Tauber

Kyle Toweson: Football 10-12 (all-state receiver, all-area receiver, all-conf receiver, all-conf defensive back, most reception school record, most yards receiving school record, most touchdowns receiving, outstanding receiver, outstanding defensive back), Basketball 10-12 (captain, mvp, east-west all-star, all-sectional team, all-conf, 2nd all-area, 2nd all-conf), Baseball 10-12, Booster Club 12, Varsity Club 10-12, Student Council 10-11, Boys State, Who's Who

Sean P. Tucker: Football 10, Baseball 10-11

Michael Blane Verbich

Theresa Vicari

Tina Walker

Cheryl Lynn Wathen: Booster Club 10-11

Cheryl Elizabeth Webb: Pep Band 10-11, Concert Band 10-11, Marching Band 10-11

Rob Weldon

Christopher Wilcox: Wrestling 10-12, Chorale 12, Festival Choir 10-11, Boys State Alternate

Wendy C. Wilken: Drawing & Painting Exhibitions

Linda Ann Wilson: Tennis 10-11, Varsity Club 11

Lisa Lianne Wojciechowski

Nathan Wolf

Kimberly Woodall: Volleyball 10-12 (captain), Basketball 11 (stats), Chorale 12, Concert Choir 11, Festival Choir 11, Girls Choir 10-11, Drama 12, Booster Club 10-11, Exec Council 10-11, NHS 10-12 (vp), DECA 12, Girls State, Hoosier Scholar, Who's Who, National Merit Scholar

Jeremy Todd Worosz: Football 10-12 (2nd team all-conf honorable mention, all-area), Track 10-11, Varsity Club 11-12

Alyssa Yerga: Chorale 12, Concert Choir 11, Festival Choir 11, Girls Choir 11, Girls Chorus 10, Drama 11, Decathlon

Mary Elizabeth Yonan: Festival Choir 11, Girls Choir 11, Girls Chorus 10, Booster Club 10-12 (vp), Sweater Girl 10-11 (sec), Bowling Club 12, SADD 10





Craig Carson Young: Football 10-12, DECA 11-12

Brad Mitchell Zabek: Football 10-12 (leading tackler, defensive star, outstanding linebacker, 1st team all-conf, 1st team all-area), Lifter 10, Varsity Club 11-12, DECA 11-12

Todd Zabek: Football 10-12 (cap, 2nd team all-conf, special ment all-area, outstanding off lineman), Track 10-11, Varsity Club 11-12 (vp), Executive Council 12, DECA 12, Boys State, Rotary Youth Leadership Award 11

Nancy Zokvic: Tennis 10

Class of 93

not pictured:

Kimberly Ann Brooks
Laura Garza
Joe Gonzalez
Kathy Renee Grubbs
John Hilgeman
Jennifer Jacobson
Pete Johnsen
Andre Jones
Carrie Kitchens
Rex Corey Lamb
Curtis Mardis
Jason Matthews
Ryan Rettig
Chris Shepard
Emil Simmons
Steve Smith

This year many things seemed to have come to an end. "The Wonder Years" went off the air. "Cheers" decided to close down the bar. Brandon Walsh and the gang left West Beverly, joined by Zak Morris and friends leaving Bay Side High.

After the diplomas were received, many students

went their separate ways. Troy Brodie, senior, planned to go away to college next year. Although he was a little afraid to leave home, he hoped it would better him.

"I'm scared about moving on, but I feel I need a different environment that will allow me to mature on my own," said Brodie.

Many seniors insisted they would miss a part of high school life.

Angie Matson, senior, said, "We will miss not seeing everyone everyday and are afraid that we will lose touch with our friends."

To some, graduating meant more than receiving a diploma.

"I really don't look at it as

graduation; I look at it as my freedom," said senior Bill Arevalo.

When the big night finally arrived, some graduates were haunted by thoughts of disaster.

Arevalo said, "The only thing that worries me is stripping and falling in front of the world."

-Todd Zabek



After fixing his collar and tassel, senior Dan Flores awaits instruction for the senior portrait. The portrait was taken in the gym and cost each senior \$10.

To Pierce or Not To Pierce a manly question

seniors

26 guys have a pierced ear

juniors

19 guys have a pierced ear

sophomores

21 guys have a pierced ear

Puppy love

Ahhh! Love...that warm fuzzy feeling that we get when we're around our boyfriend or girlfriend. Is that really all that a relationship is?

Most people believe that there is more to a relationship than sweaty palms and butterflyed stomachs. Junior Christine Canady believes that two people have to have the right chemistry.

She said, "For two people to have a lasting relationship, there needs to be trust. Along with trust comes understanding and companionship."

Shellie Hoover, sophomore, added, "I like being able to share my personal thoughts with someone. I also like to have someone to depend on and keep me from getting lonely."

But not everything about relationships is this peachy. Some people might find relationships confining.

Josh Price, sophomore, said, "I really hate a 24-hour-a-day commitment. If a girl is so possessive that she doesn't want to let me spend time with my friends on the weekends, then I begin to get irritated. It's

not that I don't want to spend time with my girlfriend. I just don't want to have to spend every minute of my life with her."

Some people prefer to avoid steady boyfriends or girlfriends. Instead of spending the weekends at the movies with dates, they go out with "the gang" to the mall or a party.

Junior Katie Green said, "I like to date around because I feel I can meet more people. I figure that the more people you meet, the more variety you get to choose from. I avoid any

drastic decisions and end up with a boyfriend I really like."

-Dana Navarro

Jennifer Adams
Christina Ahlemier
Antwan Allen
William Alley
Erik Anderson
Angel Badillo

Nichole Baggarly
Michelle Baran
Lisa Barrett
Daniel Bartnicki
Jamie Bell
David Benner

Jamie Benson
Steven Blackard
Garrett Blahunka
Dawn Boganwright
Natalie Bogielski
Deborah Bombin





After a basketball game, senior Kyle Toweson and his girlfriend, sophomore Lori Borders, spend some time together. According to a survey, many underclassmen girls "felt special" when dating older guys at GHS.

Between busy schedules and school, many couples don't have much time together. Since senior Lorraine Barnie lives in Crown Point, the five-minute passing period is important to her and her boyfriend, senior Jim Martin.



Shannon Bopp
Amy Boswinkle
Gregory Bradburn
Jeannie Braden
Marilyn Bragg
Christopher Butner

Christine Canady
Duane Cassoday
Pamela Chambers
P. Scott Cherven
Robert Clark
Lakeysa Clay

Laura Cole
Anastasia Cominos
Dawn Cothran
Lori Counts
Gina Covarrubias
Sarah Curtis

Luke Dalach
Lauren Darnell
Greg Decker
Brandie Degand
Christopher Degard
Benny Dela Rosa

Kelly DeYoung
 Laura Donovsky
 Amy Duran
 Brian Dutkiewicz
 Chris Eaton
 Rachel Ehresman

Katie Ellison
 Raquel Estrada
 Kristi Flatter
 Jennifer Gajewski
 Shawn Geary
 Jacob Gettig

Angela Gillespie
 Christian Gleim
 Patricia Gomez
 Keela Gootee
 Jamie Govert
 Steven Govert

Dallas Grace
 Laura Grash
 Brian Grcevich
 Katherine Green
 Amy Guy
 Nathaniel Guy

Charlie Haley
 Jamie Haley
 Thomas R. Hall
 John Hancock
 Tammi Hardacker
 Jenny Hendrix



Mall rats

Shopping malls were used for a lot of purposes. Some people went there to actually shop, while others went to either hang-out or meet new people.

When students went shopping, they had many mall and strip mall and outlet mall options.

"I usually shop at malls

around here. But, once in awhile, I go to malls in Illinois and Michigan. That way I can find more original clothes," said junior Stephanie Snyder.

To find certain types of clothes, students frequented specialty stores, such as Best Buy, Imposters, and Northern Reflec-

tions.

"To get my clothes, I go to the 99th Floor. Their clothes match my style and qualifications," said junior Jenny Lis.

Some people traveled distances not to shop but to meet people.

"I go to Lincoln Park Mall to meet new people. I find

that there's a better selection of guys there," said Lis.

Then, there were people who preferred meeting people from the area.

"My friends and I go to Southlake Mall to pick up girls," said junior Glenn Panozzo.

Weekends were usually when malls were the busiest with shoppers and people just hanging out.

"When my friends and I are bored on weekends, we usually go to Southlake mall to find some people that we know. That way, we can all figure out something to do when the mall closes," said junior Keela Gootee.

-Katie Green



Cathy Higuet
Patty Higuet
Amanda Hill
Amy Hintz
Todd Hintz
Melisa Hjertquist

Brian Hopper
Lawrence Hubbard
Holly Huddleston
Aimilanos Iliou
Neil Irvin
Assma Issa

Nancy Jamison
Grant Jenkins
Michelle Jones
Angela Karlstedt
Lynn Katona
Charles Kern

Rachelle Kirk
David Knestrict
Ryan Kohut
Richie Korba
Jaime Korzniewski
Alicia Kristufek

Jacki Kuss
Richard Lane
Jenny Lis
Candy Loundenber
Michele Lubrant
Nichole Manno



Many students spent their extra money expanding their CD collections. Sophomore Jeff Carroll browses in Venture, looking over the newest CDs.



Checking out the cosmetic selection at Walgreens, senior Heather Devitt picks

up some mascara and eyeliner. GHS students often hit Walgreens during lunch

to pick up school supplies, buy a cold softdrink or play with the toys.

Adam Massa
 Rebecca Mazzocco
 Matthew McClure
 Jennifer McKnight
 Jason McNeiley
 Rachel Meadows

Brian Meeks
 Tim Merriman
 D. Nichole Mills
 Bethany Minnix
 Kevin Moe
 Beth Morosin

Thomas Murray
 Lisa Nagy
 Johanna Nahod
 Dana R. Navarro
 Dawn Negrete
 Laura Nichols



Junior Robyn Towasnicki calls her friend during lunch to tell her some important news.



Lunchtime was when students filled each other in on the latest gossip. Sophomores Lisa Smith, Sarah Kozuch, Kelli Steiber, Jen Adams and Michelle Zukauskas discuss their plans for the weekend.

G is for gossip

"My brother's best friend's mom's boss' daughter's cousin got AIDS from his dog." This is another example of the classic rumor. We all heard them, and we all spread them. High school students probably got most of the "news" from gossip.

Jennifer Ristic, junior, said, "Gossip makes people aware of what's going on so they can watch out for themselves when it's about them. I've heard that my one uncle is a drug dealer and my other uncle was a drug buster. These ideas are so erroneous that it

makes me laugh!"

But some people got angry when they heard rumors were being spread about them. Others formed opinions about people they didn't even know.

"I hate it when people hate other people just from what other peoplesay about

them without getting to know the person first," said sophomore Lisa Tzrupek.

Some male students insisted that girls talked too much, but many females suggested that guys gossiped just as much.

Junior Michelle Wayo said, "I think guys gossip as much as girls, but they hide it better. The difference between guy and girl gossip is that I think it bothers more girls than guys."

But no matter how we looked at it, gossip seemed to be a fact of life. Ristic summed it up the best by saying "The G in GHS stands for gossip!"

-Dana Navarro



Shannon Ostrowski
Glenn Panozzo
J. Michael Parsons
Natalie Pastar
Trisha Paul
Richard Pena

William Piekarczyk
Robert Pilarczyk
Aaron Pollock
Jennifer Popagain
Joseph Potesta
Todd Queen

John Quigley
Matthew Rabin
Bryan Ralph
Ryan Rahph
Jessica Redar
Joseph Reid

Doniel Rettig
Gavin Reyome
Sharon Rhyme
Amy Richeke
Cathy Riggles
Jennifer Ristic

Many upperclassmen showing off letter jackets were idolized by little kids who wanted to play high school sports. These children attended football and basketball games hoping

school. In others, the coaches used the athletes they had available rather than relying on seniors so earning a letter was easier.

And while some students made jokes about those stu-

Lettering in anything was not just an award, but a state of mind. It gave students motivation to come back the next year and maybe even shoot for team captain.

Lettering helped people



Earning the "G"

that they would have a one of their very own some day.

To letter in sports or academics at GHS was an honor.

Showing off accomplishments was very popular, and almost everyone seemed to have some type of patch or medal. People also began to recognize students by the name on the back of lettermen's jackets.

In some sports, it was difficult to letter early in high

schools who lettered in academics, these people obviously didn't have the brain power to achieve.

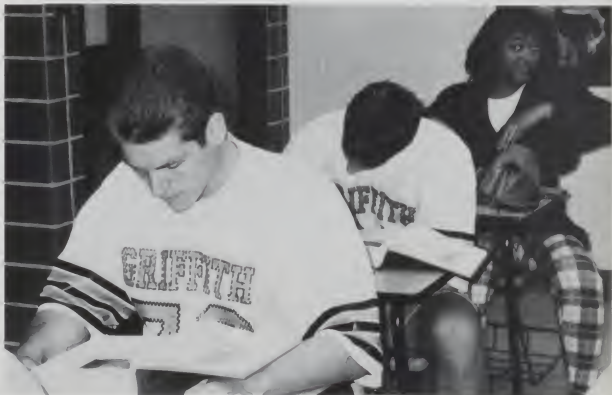
The academic letter might have been the most prestigious letter given because universities were often more impressed by academic awards than athletic ones. Students earned academic letters by achieving a 3.8 GPA and, in many cases, participating on an academic team.

strive to become better and smarter. Competition was not the only point of sports but also stressed personal and team accomplishment.

For example, a team might have been in second to last place in its division this year, but last year they were dead last. This gain showed improvement as the team and its individual members came one step closer to winning.

-Joe Gonzalez

To have been eligible for sports, a student must have been passing five solids, and letters were awarded based on varsity time played. Senior Jim Dwyer, varsity football player and letterman, uses his classtime to study for a literature test.





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During a Panther Press board meeting, senior Mitch Ensing gives senior Melissa Busovsky a back massage. Members of the journalism honor society, Quill and Scroll, petitioned to receive academic letters based on a point system.

What are the most popular first name in the school?

Seniors

girls - Jennifer
boys - Christopher

Juniors

girls - Jennifer
boys - Brian

Sophomores

girls - Jennifer
boys - Michael

Sophomore stress

You're a sophomore, and your monstrous nightmares of starting high school are finally becoming reality.

The five-minute bell has rung, and you're fighting your way through the crowd of people as you try to get to your tiny locker.

You try your combination, but it doesn't seem to work. By the time you get your textbooks, the eight o'clock bell is ringing and you're thinking to yourself, "What else could go wrong?"

Sophomore Roxanne Luptak worried about her

first day of school.

She said, "I was afraid that I was going to be late for all my classes because the lockers are so small compared to in the junior high, and you can barely get to them."

Sophomore Aaron Riese was looking forward to an open lunch hour but worried about the timeframe in which to eat his lunch.

Riese said, "I like being able to go out for lunch instead of having to eat the cafeteria food, but the lunch period isn't long enough. Because if you go out, you have to eat on the way back

to school or you'll be late for your fourth hour class."

Mike Anderson, sophomore, enjoyed his first lunch outside the cafeteria but forgot his schedule at home.

He said, "(On the first day) I went home for lunch and I came back to school and realized that I had forgotten which class to go to next. I ended up having to go to the office for another schedule."

Sometimes finding a class on the first day of school can be rough, but for sophomore Brett Fradigo finding his way through the hall-

ways was no problem.

He said, "I knew where my classes were because I walked through my schedule the day before school started."

Not everyone was as fortunate.

Anderson explained, "I had trouble finding my French class because there is a Room 106, and there are two rooms numbered 108 on one side of the hall. I couldn't find Room 107 until I realized it was on the opposite side of the hall."

Another big difference between the high school and the junior high was the number of classes students must take.

In junior high, there were seven classes per day, consisting of 50 minutes each. The high school only had six classes, but they lasted 60 minutes each.

Tim Risak said, "I like having six hours better because we don't have as many classes to get homework in."

Sophomore Kristy Swart experienced an embarrassing moment when she tackled her locker combination on the first day of school.

"I hit a girl right in the head with my locker on the first day," explained Swart. "I couldn't get my locker opened."

-Dana Navarro



Registering for school, sophomore Amber Evans thinks about her first day of high school and the classes she'll take. For many sophomores, the transition from junior high to high school wasn't always easy. But everyone seemed to survive.



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With black and gold paint, sophomore Andy Schoon shows his school spirit. The sophomores came in third for Spirit Week.

Interesting hats was the trademark for sophomore Josh Nesius. Nesius also wore jeans that he painted himself.

Nothing but trouble



Tim Chynoweth
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Mike Coddington
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Victoria Dresbaugh
Mark Drisner
William Durall
Dana Duran
Damon Eaton

Sometimes, it is tough to make the adjustment from junior high to high school. Teachers expect students to act like adults, unlike when they were freshmen. Sophomores take a large leap, not knowing how far they can go with teachers.

Sophomore Jeff Carroll explained, "There's a point that you can go with each teacher before you find yourself in the office. It's up to us students to find that point and use it to our advantage."

Sophomore Sean White said that he was a trouble-maker in junior high but made the largest step into high school successfully...and without incident.

"I used to get in trouble a lot in junior high, but since then, I haven't gotten in as

Amusing his friends and annoying his teacher, sophomore Damon Eaton tosses around paperwads during a study time. Students who get in trouble often spend some extra time in detention.

much," he said.

When students enter high school, parents may also expect them to grow up. Parents may often give them more responsibility, such as household chores or watching after their brothers and sisters, without the benefits.

Sophomore Frank Milton said, "My parents give me a lot more responsibilities but don't give me a later curfew or trust me any more."

When kids get older, their punishments may change. Instead of being grounded from the telephone, they may face losing the car for a period of time or staying in the house over the weekend. In short, parents have to find out what punishment will work and use it.

"After I got suspended for the second time in seventh grade, my parents didn't let me go to any basketball games for the rest of the season. It doesn't seem like much, but it really killed me," Carroll said.

In high school, there is always something to do on weekends, whether students enjoy sports or parties. The biggest problem at home for some sophomores may be curfew.

"Really the only trouble at home I get into is coming home late," White said.

-Mat Murphy





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License to drive

One of the most important things about turning 16 is finally being old enough to get a drivers license.

Sophomore Kara Siegle said, "Driving makes me feel mature. It's also nice to be able to go wherever you want when you need to."

In preparation for a drivers test, many people enroll in drivers education. A lot of students may also have a parent teach them how to drive.

"I had my dad teach me because I didn't want to pay over \$200 to take drivers ed," said sophomore Jeremy Ryckman.

Sophomore Bill Durall said, "I didn't take drivers ed because I thought it cost

too much, and I was already old enough to just get my license."

For some students, a job may become necessary to earn the privilege of driving.

Sophomore Amy Taylor said, "My parents won't let me get my license until I find a job, even though I'm 16 and have a permit. My parents know that insurance, cars and gas aren't cheap."

Trust is another important factor that must be earned to be able to drive. Some students have it easy compared to others.

Siegle said, "My parents trust me very much. I can have the car whenever they don't need it."

Others could use a little charm.

"My parents think I'm dangerous behind a wheel," said Durall.

Getting a car can be very important to many students.

"When you have a car, you can go wherever you want and show it off to everyone," said Durall.

Siegle added that she will begin saving her pennies.

"I'm going to start saving my money after I get back from France and Germany this summer," he said.

-Dana Navarro



Giving his younger brother, sophomore Jeremy Novath, a ride home from school, senior John Novath gets into his car. Jeremy will have to get rides for a while since he isn't planning to get his driver's license soon.



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Sibling rivalry

Many siblings share the same school, teachers, and sometimes friends. Sometimes, they can avoid each other, but when they are in the same class, it is virtually impossible. This can be a nightmare for some siblings.

Senior Dan Pastar complained, "My parents always send Natalie on 'See how Danny's doing in all of his classes' trips. She always tells them everything that I do wrong."

Some siblings also feel that they are compared by

their teachers. Senior Renee Grubbs said that being a twin makes the comparison worse.

She said, "Teachers tend to expect us to make the same kind of grades. They also tend to classify us as twins instead of individual people."

Natalie Pastar added, "Some teachers prejudge me to be like my brother. When they get to know me, they see the big difference."

Once out of school, many siblings fight.

Dan Pastar said, "We

fight and fight and fight. We fight over the phone, the car, who is going to get the pop for dinner from downstairs, what radiostation we listen to in the car, what toppings we get on our pizza. You name it, we usually fight about it."

Junior Rich Korba added that brothers can be good friends as well as enemies.

"When John and I aren't fighting, we usually play pool or go skating. We also have some of the same friends and spend time together with them," he said.

For the most part, many siblings probably feel about each other as senior Jackie Acosta does for her brother, sophomore Marc Acosta.

"Now that I don't live with him anymore, I think he's pretty cool," she explained.

Renee Grubbs said about her sister, Karen, "She's supportive and is always there for me whenever I have a problem I need to talk about."

Some siblings join forces at home when faced with parent dilemmas.

"When my parents yell at us or we're doing something behind their backs, we get together in my room and complain about them and compare what we're doing so we can cover up for each other," explained Natalie Pastar.

-Dana Navarro



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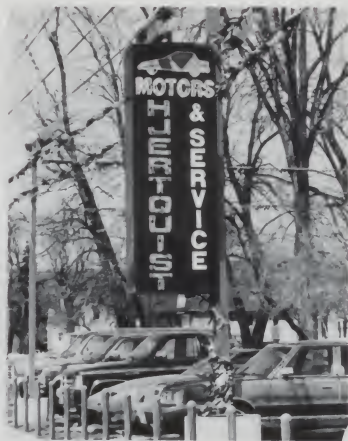
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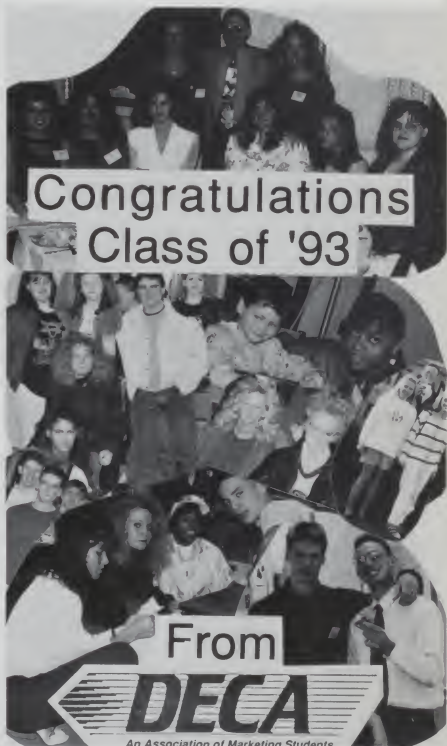
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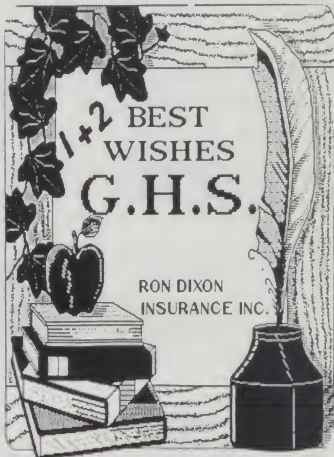
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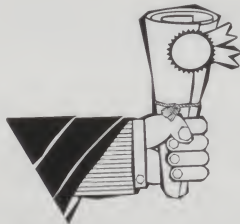
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Melissa,

May you soar like
an eagle and all your
dreams come true.
Good luck in college.

Love,
Mom

Sandie Suzanne Bronson

Sandie,

We are very proud of you
and all of your ACHIEVE-
MENTS. Good luck in the fu-
ture. We are so happy to have
a daughter just like you.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Fabian Martinez

Fabian,

Hope you're as
proud as we are.
There's more to learn
yet, life is just begin-
ning. May your
dreams become reality.
Be the best!

We love you,
Dad and Mom

Brad Zabek

Brad,

You did it! You have
made us very proud-
the last 4 years have
gone by so fast. Now
you start all over- good
luck- we love you.

Mom and Dad

Todd Zabek



Todd,

My Son, My Best Friend..."unfor-
getable"- in every way. The years have
slipped by so fast, it's hard to believe it's
time to graduate. You have made this
family so proud! Stay strong, never change!
We love you always.

Mom, Dad and Tracy

Brian Pelletier

Brian,

Graduation is just the be-
ginning of a whole new life
for you. Keep focused, al-
ways do your best and ev-
erything will be yours.

Congratulations,
Mom, Dad and Jenny

Dirk Nicksic

Dirk,

You did it!! We're so
proud of you. We hope all
your dreams come true and
that your future is filled with
love, health, happiness and
success!!

Love,
Mom, Dad and Adam

Lindsey Friend

Lindsey,

Once, as a preschooler,
you went over to a little girl
in a restaurant and gave her
one of your two treats. May
you always be so loving and
generous.

Love,
Dad

Heather Devitt

Heather,

The talent of suc-
cess is nothing more
than doing what you
can do well; and doing
well whatever you do.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Rachel Carden

Rachel,

We've seen you through scout trips, to volleyball games, dance class and to Prom. Proud we were then; proud we are now. We love you more than you know.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Buffy

Chris Fisher

Chris,

Congratulations to our incomparable daughter. May you always see yourself as the extraordinary person you are. Thanks for giving us 18 years of learning experience. We are very proud and honored to have shared your life.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Ron L. Martin



Mr. America,
You have come a long way. We love you and are proud of you.
Mom and Dad

Leslie Biscan

Leslie,

You have made me so proud, my daughter, my friend! Best wishes!

Love always,
Mom

Ryan Hoover

Ryan,

Congratulations!

You've given us so much to be happy about over the past 18 years. We're proud of you for your accomplishments, hard work and for just being you!

We love you,
Mom, Dad, Scott and Shellie

Kelli Adams

Kelli,

Congratulations on the softball scholarship to IU and on graduating tenth in Griffith's class. Study hard, play hard and enjoy IU. We love you and are enormously proud of you.

Mom, Dad, Brian and Tim

Sarah Krooswyk

Sarah "Sapah" Krooswyk,
Your Daily Dose of Destiny:
"Always remember and never forget..."

You are never in competition with anyone but yourself. Sunshine, dreams, peace, flowers and love.

Mom, Dad and Seth



Ryan Hoover

Ryan,

- You watched me grow up next to you
- You helped me through the years
- You taught me right from wrong
- You cared for me like a "Big Brother" should
- Now it's my turn to say "Thanks" and I Love You!!

Shellie

Missy Henrikson

Missy,

Congratulations to the best daughter in the world. You are very special and I am proud of you.

Love,
Mom

Gina Steapleton

What a Bombina means to me:

- * Best friends since gradeschool
- * Anchovies and pepperonies
- * Spraypainting the wall
- * Egging Batliner's car
- * The hayride
- * The summer we went to the drag strip
- * Celebration Station

Luv ya,

LeeAnn



Angela Matson

Angela,

All our love and congratulations to a very special daughter and sister. We are so proud of you! Wishing you a lifetime of good health, success and as much joy and happiness as you have always given us.

Love,

Mom, Dad and Chris

Rebecca Chandler

Rebecca,

Congratulations!
We're so proud of you.
Good luck in college
and God Bless You in
all you do.

Love,

Mom and Dad

LoraLee Kilgore

LoraLee,

If friends are a gift from God, I've been blessed. Like sisters, I hope we stay in touch cause I'll always love ya. (Remember.... S.C. Malls and "Clean air cafe")

Love,

Danielle



Ruben Hernandez

Ruben,

Hi sweetie! I want to wish you the best of luck in the future. If you ever need someone to talk to, I'll be here for you. I love you!
Sandra XOXOXOXO

LeeAnn Riese

LeeAnn,

Congratulations, we are very proud of you and we know that with the Lord's help you'll succeed in your life. We love you!

Mom, Dad, Aaron
and especially Jeremy



Jackie Acosta & Lindsey Friend

We're no longer the "suckers" of the school! We made it through those 14 hour school days (usually with 12 hours of laughter). Surprisingly, we didn't kill one another: Thanks!

Kelley Gall



Kelley Gall

Kelley,

You're a real sweetheart.
We love you.

Mom and Dad



Bryan Dominguez

Bryan,

It seems just like yesterday you were "Grumpy Bell" at Beiriger. Now you're a "Kenicki" at G.H.S. We're so proud of you.

Love,

Mom, Dad and Steffy

Jennifer Kuck

"Babycakes " Kuck,

I've called you that since you were a baby! I can't believe you are 18 and ready to graduate. I want you to know how proud I am of you and how much I love you! I wish you only the best things life has to offer. But no matter what you do or how old you are you will always be my "Babycakes".
Kuck. Good Luck

Love always,

Mom and Bill



Becky Duney

Becky,

Thanks for four enjoyable years of acedemic and scholastic achievements. Volleyball was great. Softball was better. Getting accepted to the National Honor Society was the icing.

Thanks, good luck,
Mom, Dad, Nichole, Rachel and Bryan

Becky Duney

Becky,

Enjoyed #24 Volleyball and softball. Good luck to all.

Love,
Grandma Duney

Regina Steapleton

Regina,

Congratulations! You're out. I'm so happy we met. This past year and a half has been really fun. I hope there's more to come. I love you!

Ed



Teresa Ewen

Teresa,

You will always be our little "Miss Priss."

We love you,
Pa-paw and Granny



Nancy Zokvic

Nancy,

To the most beautiful girl in our family. Always be strong, good, kind and courageous as you are now.

We love you,
Delmer, Emma, Chris and Greg



Mat Murphy

Mat,

Congratulations Mat!
We are proud of you!
May God Bless You!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Ben and Troy

Heather Devitt

Heather,

CONGRATULATIONS! You have not always made it easy to be your brother but you have always made it challenging. Success, happiness and love deserves to be yours.

Love, Micheal



Dawn Pfeiffer

Dawn,

Don't cry, you made it. Good luck with college. We're so proud of you. We hope you get everything you want out of life.

We love you,
Mom, Dad, Tammy and Tracy



Mary Beth Yonan

Sweet Pea,

Watching you grow from the sweet little towhead to the beautiful young woman you are today has been fun and exciting. Now the door to your future is wide open.

Love,
Mom, Bud and John

Jeremy Worosz

Jeremy,

Congratulations! You have always made us proud. We are looking forward to watching you and your brother Mike play football at Aurora University.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Heidi,
Mike and Emily

Justin Hess

Justin,

Remember four things in life;

- 1) Keep focused on your goals
- 2) Remember who you are
- 3) That you have a whole lot of people who love you and support you.
- 4) AND DON'T PROCRASTINATE



Jenna, Jackie, Kelley, Mindy & Sarah

We never thought we'd finally get here. But we're almost finished- the BEGINNING is near. We've been through it all. Now, I'll have to devise a new way of life without all you guys.

Love,
Lindsey



Chris Wilcox

Chris,

We hope to have fulfilled your dreams; for you have fulfilled ours. We hope you will keep on striving to find success as we have. You will always be our little boy with Winnie-the-Pooh. Dear God thank you for all these precious moments.

Mom, Dad, Tina, Tom and Crystal



Mark Austgen

Mark,

Congratulations and best of luck!

Love,
Mom, Dwane and Kelley



Jeremy Worosz

Jeremy,

CONGRATULATIONS. It's been a lot of fun. It all went by so fast! Well, have fun at college. I'll miss you a lot! Hopefully I'll get to see you, but if not, here's something to remember me by;

I LOVE YOU!
Aimee

Becca-Bee

Becca-Bee,

Congratulations!
Good Luck!
I love you!
Go to college!
Get a job!!!

Love,
Moo-Coo

Carl Rentschler

Carl,

I want to wish you the best of luck in everything you do! I'll miss you when you're away at college, but I hope you have the time of your life.

Love always,
Lisa

Nate Miklusak

Nate,
May your accomplishments be many and your disappointments be few! You're one terrific person! We're so proud of you! Wishing you continued success both academically and athletically.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Cari Kitchens

Cari,
Graduation is the beginning of a new way of life for you. Meet the challenges life offers you, and you'll always be successful.

All our love, now and forever,
Mom and Dad



Ruthie Marvel

Ruthie,
Congratulations Boof! We are all very proud. May all your dreams come true. Ours have. (Good luck to my Love- Love ya, Jim)

Love always,
Mom, Dad and Jim



Teri

Babe,
It's been great the past two years and I hope we can have two more. I wish you the best in all you do next year.

Love you always,
Mitch

Ron Price

Ron,
So you made it through High School and did a good job. So keep up the good work and do your best and be happy with whatever you do.

Love,
Kent and Jo

Brian Pelletier

Brian,
I'll always love you dear. Remember that for the next five years. I'll be waiting. Watch out for chillas!!

Love,
Kristy

Renee Grubbs

Renee,
Congratulations! We are so proud of you. You are a great person and very special to us.

We love you,
Dad, Mom, Lisa, Karen
and Allen

Danielle Dudak

Danielle,
May your scrapbook of life be filled with wonderful things. We love you and are proud of you. Congratulations!

Love,
Mom and Dad

Teri

Teri,
Remember no matter what life brings, you will always be my daughter and I'll always love you.

Mom

Marcello Garcia

The Best In Griffith.
Marcello Garcia.
God be with you.



Paul

OH REALLY,
PAUL!!!
Love,
Mom and Dad

Bob Gottschammer

Congratulations Bob on
a job well done!! We are
all very proud of you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Ann
and Shannon

Ron Govert

Ron,
We have always been proud of
you and your accomplishments. May
you always continue to be a loving and
caring person. We wish you the best.

Love,
Mom and Dad



Tina Walker

Congratulations Tina. You've worked
hard and did your best. We are very
proud of all that you've accom-
plished.

Our best wishes to you. May God
bless and guide your life.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Lisa and Amy



Michelle Gauler

Michelle,
Congratulations to a
great daughter. We are very
proud of you. May your life
be filled with good health,
happiness and success.

We love you,
Mom, Dad and Mike

Kim Woodall

Kim,
You've been a constant
source of joy to us. We're so
proud of the child you were and
the young woman you've be-
come. Congratulations on all
that you've achieved and accom-
plished. God bless you.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Chris

Rachel Ann Luptak

Rachael,
Always a very good child, so will-
ing to learn and grow. I couldn't be any
prouder of the fine young woman you've
become. I love you very much.

Love,
Mom



Karen Grubbs

Karen,
Congratulations! You've
worked hard and have been
through a lot, but you made
it. Way to go! You're very
special and we love you
much!

Dad, Mom, Lisa, Renee
and Allen

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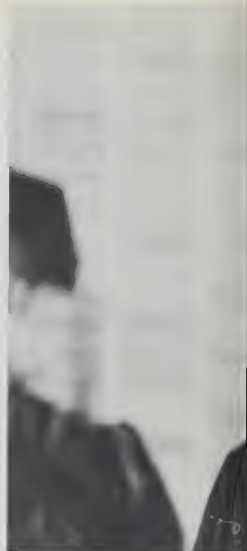
uring the 186 days that we spent roaming these halls we saw it all. Our football team won the LSC Championship

while *hippos and cows* grazed the field. Hats and coats were banned and we lost one of the best football coaches to hit the area.

We didn't spend all our time in Griffith. Students vacationed in Florida, Toronto and the *Bahamas*...not to mention the time we spent at Southlake Mall, the Courts and *Celebration Station*.

To make all our lives a little more interesting, teachers deviated from *the norm*. Mr. Hastings held a summit meeting, Mr. Divjak made students do laps around the room and Miss Weber's class did the *Achy Breaky Heart*.

With the year over, we put all the events and activities of 1992-'93 behind us ●





Senior John Hilgeman added a special touch to his graduation cap and gown at graduation practice.

In Mrs. Kiethly's Adult Prep class, students were taught what it's like to be handicapped. Senior Ruben Hernandez was blind for the day.



Todd Zabek and Nate Miklusak receive a standing ovation from their classmates for the speech they gave at senior banquet. Zabek and Miklusak spoke for approximately 20 minutes, the longest given at the banquet.

Senior Danielle Dudek videotapes pieces of graduation practice for a video called "Friends."

Using every spare moment, senior Scott Sherry gets a jump on his homework by studying in the dugout. Physics was Sherry's main worry this year.



Colophon

Simply Put was a concept I came up with when I was thrust into an editorial management class at Ball State University during the summer. Not only did our yearbook have no adviser, but the editor-in-chief (me) was clueless. Many things have changed since then.

When Mrs. Newton came to GHS, things changed. Not only did we no longer have a pit of a J-room to spark our creativity, but we had to produce the Reflector in the English room on eight Macintosh computers, but a glorious new room was to be cranked out by October. Deadlines were no longer suggested dates of completion. To meet those deadlines, we stayed extra days and nights. I've crawled in windows on Saturdays and, yes, Sundays. We even invaded local businesses with cameras, desperately seeking GHS students who were on the job to finish a yearbook spread.

The J-room was no longer the hangout for the people who roamed the halls. It had an environment all its own. At times, the tension was unreal, but it wasn't long before Nate or Matt would take care of that by ridiculing fellow staffers. On a really good day, passersby could hear a chorus of "Ding Dong the Witch is Dead" when I would leave the room. It was definitely an experience.

Somehow we lived through the hard drive crashes and the death threats and managed to create a yearbook that will serve as a lasting memory of the way things were so that in 20 years our kids can take it out and laugh at all of us.

The Reflector was constructed in Room 108 on Macintosh computers then sent to Jostens Printing and Publishing, 401 Science Road, State College PA 16804 for printing. The cover, designed at BSU, is embossed with a mission grain using gold foil and magenta for the title. The stories are printed in 12 pt. Palatino, and captions are in 8 pt.

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Thirteen people could not have put out this book on our own, especially not without the help of our fearless leader Mrs. Newton. If not for her time, patience and effort, the yearbook would have been distributed in February 1994. I'm sure that everyone is glad she was there to listen to us, feed us, and keep us motivated. (Nate, get to work! A big hug! You'll love it!) I'd also like to give my undying gratitude to Danielle Dudek who saved our tails by bringing photos or taking them for us.

Thank you to all my staff members who kept their senses of humor while trying to produce this \$30 history book.

-Jackie Acosta



To christen the yearbook adviser's new home at Christmas, members of both staffs and some other "little helpers" fes-

tively decorated the lawn and shrubs with red and green crepe paper and toilet paper. They also left a plastic pool in the

front yard and homemade cookies on the front porch. Ironically, Mrs. Denise Newton's dogs didn't bark once.

The first part of the paper discusses the importance of understanding the underlying mechanisms of the observed phenomena. This is followed by a detailed analysis of the data, which reveals several key findings. The results indicate that the proposed model is highly effective in capturing the essential features of the system under study. Furthermore, the analysis shows that the model's performance is robust across different parameter settings and data distributions. The final section of the paper concludes with a summary of the findings and suggests directions for future research.

The second part of the paper focuses on the theoretical aspects of the problem. It begins by defining the key concepts and terms used throughout the study. This is followed by a rigorous proof of the main theorem, which establishes the validity of the proposed model. The proof is based on a series of lemmas and propositions, which are carefully derived and verified. The final part of the section discusses the implications of the results and their potential applications in various fields.

The third part of the paper presents a series of experiments designed to evaluate the performance of the proposed model. These experiments are conducted using a variety of datasets and parameter configurations. The results show that the model consistently outperforms existing methods in terms of accuracy and efficiency. Additionally, the experiments demonstrate the model's ability to handle complex and noisy data, which is a significant advantage in many real-world applications.

The fourth part of the paper discusses the limitations of the current study and suggests ways to address these challenges. It is noted that while the model performs well in many cases, there are still some areas where its performance is suboptimal. These limitations are likely due to the simplifying assumptions made in the model's formulation. Future work should aim to refine the model and explore new techniques to improve its performance in these areas.

The fifth and final part of the paper provides a concluding remarks section. It summarizes the main contributions of the study and highlights the key findings. The authors express their gratitude to the reviewers and funding agencies for their support. Finally, they state that the code and data used in the study are available for public access, to facilitate reproducibility and further research.

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